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A Study in Charm

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MAY I offer to my readers a word of explanation regarding this production? The observant will not fail to have noticed that it is a *Christmas* number, though the prominent appearance on the cover of the hieroglyphic 6*d.* may have beguiled them into purchasing it under the impression that it is merely THE BYSTANDER, Vol. XX., No. 262, Wednesday, December 9th, registered at the G.P.O. as a newspaper, and so on and so forth. We charge 6*d.* for this number just the same because, though it contains practically nothing that the ordinary subscriber expects, its *sheer bulk* is considerable. It must not be forgotten that, dislike them as one may, pictures plain and coloured, purporting to be comical, facetious literary experiments, and fiction of a "seasonable" kind, have to be produced. The comic picture has not only to be processed, but previously to be drawn, while the artist has had to spend many weary hours among the tablets at the British Museum seeking for the joke which it harbours. The most Christmassy of stories likewise has had to be composed, not only by the printer but also by the author. These considerations will be borne in mind when the reader grumbles at the charging of the usual price of sixpence.

The ordinary rule, of course, is to double the price of a Christmas number. In the case of most papers, the Editor, no doubt, feels that some atonement must be paid for the barefaced impudence o the price of the ordinary number. The cost of producing the Christmas number, further, invariably exceeds the income it attracts. I had, I may tell you candidly—as a sort of revenge on somebody for the appalling amount of extra work and inconvenience the production has caused us—thought of doubling the price of this publication. Circumstances, however, have enabled us to treat the public with generosity. As a result of despatching a messenger to Berlin with an advance proof of a certain "conversation" we had with Somebody, between the intervals of ballooning in Bavaria last summer, which, we informed Prince Buelow, we thought of using in this identical number, we have been quite able to reimburse ourselves against expenses for a long time to come. It is not necessary for me to quote the figure the German Government gave us for not printing the interview. All I need say is that we hope to spend a *very* merry Christmas! We have, furthermore, the satisfaction of knowing that our self-restraint has probably prevented a most sanguinary conflict. Had *our* interview appeared, there would never have been any peace again between anybody anywhere.

But to return to the question of Christmas numbers in general. Why, I can hear the reader ask, produce one of THE BYSTANDER—a journal modern among the moderns? Gentle reader, bear with me when I confess to you that I really could not help it. You should blame Fate, not the Editor for a Christmas Number. In the middle of August he is just his plain, usual self, thinking about the plain, usual topics. As he smokes and tells people he's out, in comes somebody, with a coloured plate he's got from somewhere, who says: "Christmas Number Presentation Plate. Please initial and pass." Where it comes from the Editor knows not. To argue with the person who has presented it is to beat the desert air. He has got it from somebody, who got it from somebody else, who has, in turn, received it from some artist who, the previous December, had been commissioned by somebody to do it. There it is, and by its existence the Editor is forced to accept the principle of a Christmas Number. Argument is futile. Who among you, I ask, would have had the face to argue against the Christmas plate of Miss Maud Allan which is presented with this Number? As soon argue with Miss Allan herself.

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A week or two after the Christmas plate episode, the Editor is summoned by wire, from wherever he happens to be, to come to Town on urgent business. He arrives and finds awaiting him a legion of agents and artists all demanding Christmas stories to illustrate. It is no use his protesting that he has no Christmas stories, and that he doesn't want them illustrated, that it's August, and that he's shooting, and so on. These people persist. He has, therefore, to take off his coat and the telephone receiver, and tell all the authors and humorists he knows to do their deadliest in the direction of fiction which shall be seasonable, but at the same time reasonable. (The interpretation of the last word occasions bickerings which last well into September, by which time have arrived in motley array the Yuletide poet, the snow-photo-fiend, the Christmas child portraitist, the colour-printer, the executioner of Christmas borders and tail-pieces, and all the vast crowd of them.)

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How, I demand to know, in face of this coercion, this intimidation, this blackmail, this pacific penetration of him, can an Editor *avoid* producing such a number as this? All I hope is for my readers, forgiveness. Let this untoward circumstance cause no breach of friendly relations between such old friends—it's exactly five years since we first met, this being, as it were, our birthday number as well. Having congratulated ourselves and our readers on this auspicious occasion—we are, as I mentioned one year previously, exactly the same age as Prince Olaf himself—let us pass to other things.

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This Christmas finds us all very much the worse for fear of war. The average man has found great difficulty in telling his friends exactly who is expected to fight whom. Looking at the matter most carefully, the event of the near future which seems to me to be the most imminent is an Anglo-British conflict. If we do not speedily find ourselves at war with the might of the British Empire, it will be a marvellous escape. It will not be as a result of any direct quarrel between us and ourselves that this will take place, but solely as a result of our complicated system of alliances. For instance, we are allied with Japan, and it is agreed, I believe, that if Japan is at war with two Powers, we have to go to her aid. Now, suppose Japan manages to get wrong again with Russia, and a war breaks out which Russia claims is provoked by Japan. Russia instantly summons to her aid her ally France, and Japan her ally England. Now just at this juncture, Germany steps in and declares war on her own, against France. That State then finds herself at war with *three* Powers. By the terms of her *entente cordiale* with England, if attacked like that, England must go to her aid. France, therefore, summons to her side England to assist her in a war against (partly) England! We find ourselves, therefore, at war with ourselves, and the possibilities of conflict with the greatest naval Power in the world are too ghastly to contemplate. Has the Government anticipated such a contingency in the framing of the Naval estimates? I doubt it. There is, however, one bright spot on the dark horizon. An Anglo-British war would have one certain effect. Instantly a number of gentlemen in Parliament and the Press would espouse, as usual, the cause of our enemy. They would range themselves, for the first time in their lives, on the side of England! Now that *would* be grand!

The Restless Keyhole

CONSTABLE (*to festive gentleman*): "Can I assist you, sir?"
FESTIVE GENTLEMAN: "Er—yesh, p'leeshman. Will you arrest this keyhole?"

BY J. H. STEVENSON

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The American Ambassador spoke rather kindly to Europe the other day about its war scares and so on, and was so glad that his country was out of it. This

is all very well. The Ambassador knows perfectly well that the States are every bit as scared as Europe, if from a different cause. They are frightened to death at the forthcoming "leisure" of Mr. Roosevelt. Keepers of zoos and menageries all over the States, and the animals themselves, are hoping against hope that the ex-President will not go their way. As for New York, the knowledge that Mr. Roosevelt is going to be an editor now is causing serious people to go about all blanched and shivering. Trust magnates and such like are, of course, terrified, and so are the various sorts of celebrities, from oil kings to chorus girls, any of whom he might take it into his head to interview in some slack moment. Journalists of all sorts are keeping to back streets lest, on Broadway some day, one of them should be greeted with that smile and that handshake, and asked to join Teddy's staff.

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Fancy being a sub-editor under Mr. Roosevelt! It is difficult to know which would be worse, to suffer, on the various departments of the back, the heartiness of his laudatory slap, or that of his damnatory kick. Which, again, would bring the severest punishment—to "cut" something from a Roosevelt leader, or to leave it in? The imagination boggles, as one might say.

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Most extraordinary news comes from Pall Mall. Certain leading Clubs will be unable to renew their leases because of declining membership. The younger members are all deserting for the Royal Automobile Club, which moves soon into the premises built on the site of the old War Office. The motor has ridden down a good many things, but this slaughter of our clubs is a bit alarming. Will they all, in future, become merged, under various heads, in the R.A.C.? Shall we have to talk of the Auto-Carlton, and the Auto-næum, and the Auto-Marlborough; will the Travellers' become the Scorchers', the Garrick the Garage, with the N.L.C. alone in its wilderness of nonconformity—the only place wherein to escape talk about sprockets, cranks, gear-boxes, and valveless, or (as our printer put it the other day, by a horrible accident, seeing the advertisement interest) "valueless," engines?

A Distinction with a Difference
"Jane, is this *nice*, or only wholesome?"
By Thos. Downey

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By the way, round the borders of this issue will be found, as in previous years, an intricate scheme of decoration. Instead of holly and mistletoe, snow-flakes, and so forth, The Bystander has, for some years past, tried to convey some sense of the topics of the day in this marginal form. To this end, some time in October, an artist who is kept in a cage in the building is released. He is tied into a chair, and into his ear are poured the editorial thoughts on the current subjects of debate, such as the Kaiser, the Suffragettes, the Balkans, Airships, Clubs and Pubs, and six-mile Sunday walks for *bonâ-fide* travellers. The artist, having heard, is then sent into a long sleep. When he awakens, he is taken back to his cage, there to set down on paper, while his mind is fresh, the visions he has seen. It is really not half a bad plan, and the wonder is that it has not been imitated—a fate that has befallen The Bystander in many of its original features, and which is exceedingly likely to go on befalling it.

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Turkish diplomacy has got all wrong since the Young Turks came in. Austria's threat that, unless the boycott against her trade ceased, her Ambassador would leave, would never have caused serious trouble under the old *régime*. Abdul would, of course, have issued an Iradé compelling his subjects to go and do, at all events appear to be doing, their Christmas shopping at Austrian shops. And Turkish ladies would have trooped up, ransacked the drawers, pestered the assistants, asked the price of everything, and finally have come away with packets of pins (made in Germany). As for Turkish gentlemen, of course they would have gone to Austrian beer-houses—to enquire the time, or the price of stamps.

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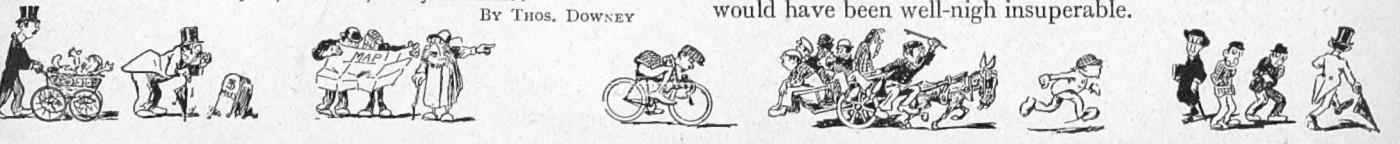
"Had Milton lived to-day," said a recent lecturer, "he would have been in favour of every advanced movement, save Woman's Suffrage." Perhaps it is as well for him that he lived when he did. I can imagine that the difficulties of writing "Paradise Lost" with Miss Muriel Matters chained to the railings and Miss Christabel Pankhurst ringing a dinner-bell would have been well-nigh insuperable.



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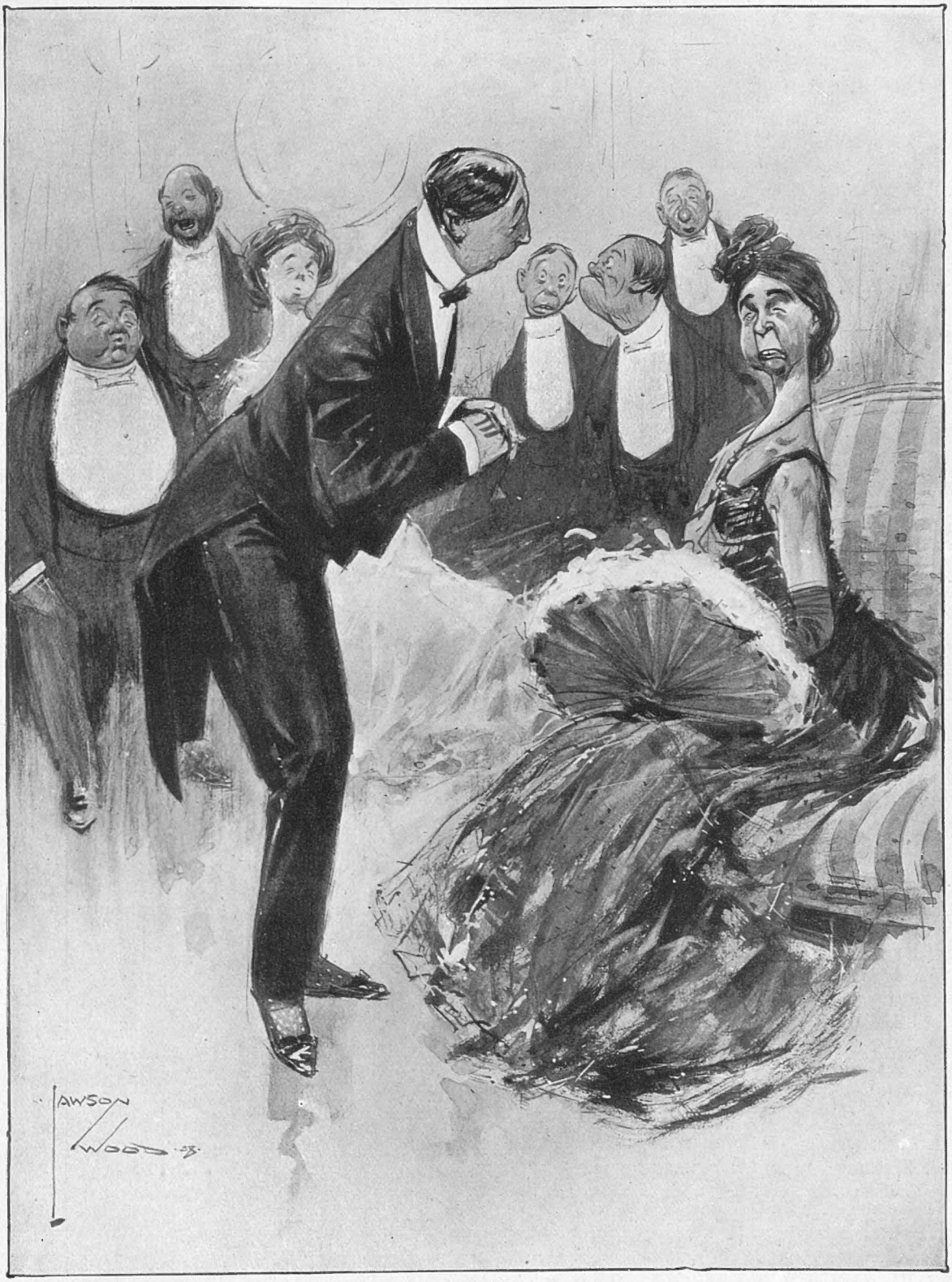
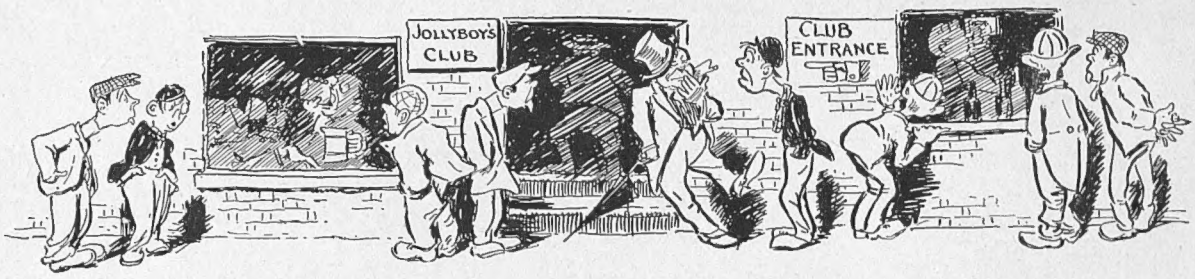


Foolish Youth (*acting as judge in a drawing-room competition "for making the ugliest grimace"*):
"Madam, I think I must award the prize to you!"
Elderly Spinster: "Excuse me, young man, but I'm not playing!"

BY LAWSON WOOD



Lord Roberts's speech has brought the German Invasion a stage nearer fulfilment. England has, by this debate, popped the question. It now only remains for Gretchen to name the happy day. Already the prospect of the British invasion is the subject of a Teutonic toast. Wherever two or three Germans are gathered together in a British Colony, so tourists tell me, the toast is given, "*Der Tag*"—which means, of course, the day when Germany enters England. Whether the Germans in London itself are as enthusiastic I do not know, but we have noted a distinctly supercilious tone of late in the voice of our usual waiter. This is, perhaps, explained by the very great responsibility given by the prophets to Fritz in the preparatory stages of the war. The German waiter is a most ubiquitous person—he was actually, amazing as it sounds, engaged in large numbers for the officers' messes of the Territorial manœuvres last summer, overhearing everything, forgetting nothing. I need no apology, therefore, for offering the following:—

DIARY OF A DISGUISED DESPERADO

OR, THE TREACHERIES OF A TEUTONIC TERRORIST

(*Being the Journal of a German Waiter at the Élite Hotel*)

MONDAY.—Received private letter from the Kaiser that war would be declared this evening. Inserted dynamite bombs in overcoat pockets of party of young Life Guards officers lunching here, with time fuses attached. Before dinner ingeniously exchanged the salt-cellars for others containing arsenic. Distinguished party of diplomatists and statesmen taken ill in consequence, and carried home writhing in cabs. Great consternation.

TUESDAY.—Read of explosion in the Guards' Club yesterday afternoon, unaccountably caused by Life Guardsman's overcoat. Portions of officers' boots, walking-sticks, etc., picked up half a mile away. War now declared. German bands in England have thrown off their imperfect disguise as musicians, and begun firing around them indiscriminately. Great satisfaction among the public, who prefer this considerably to their music. Did another small service for the Fatherland this evening. Admiral commanding the Channel Fleet dined here; under influence of a drugged liqueur he confided to me his strategical plans; I conveyed these by wireless telegraphy to Berlin, and received back wirelessly the decoration of the Spread Eagle of the sixth class, together with letter from the Kaiser comparing English and German navies.

WEDNESDAY.—Large public luncheon here, held to discuss the war, attended by First Lord of the Admiralty, Commander-in-Chief, the Sea Lords, Lord Mayor, and many others. Menu:

Consommé Anarchiste
Filets de Sole Ptomaines
Selle de Mouton Chicagoise à l'Assassin
Canards à la Presse Jaune (Yellow Press)
Légumes Arséniques (Atroces)
Sauce Tartare
Dessert à la Lucrezia Borgia
Bombes Allemandes

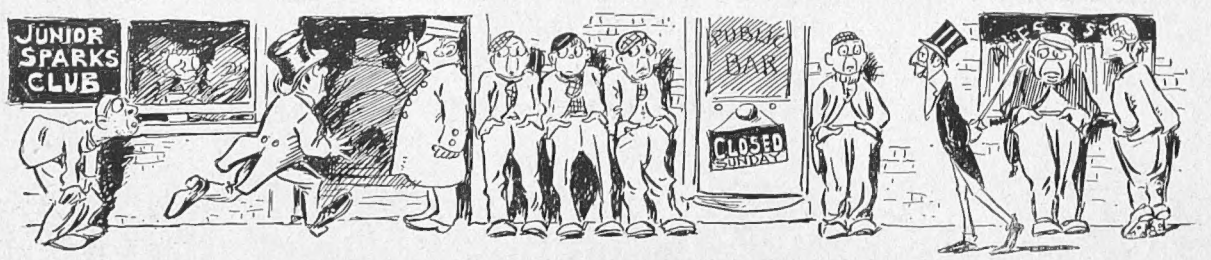
Vin Très Extraordinaire
Eau Sacrée Nom De Dieu

One gentleman requested me to give him beans; have done so. Much illness among the guests. Restaurant gradually becoming unpopular—an English waiter dismissed on my denunciation on suspicion of being a spy.

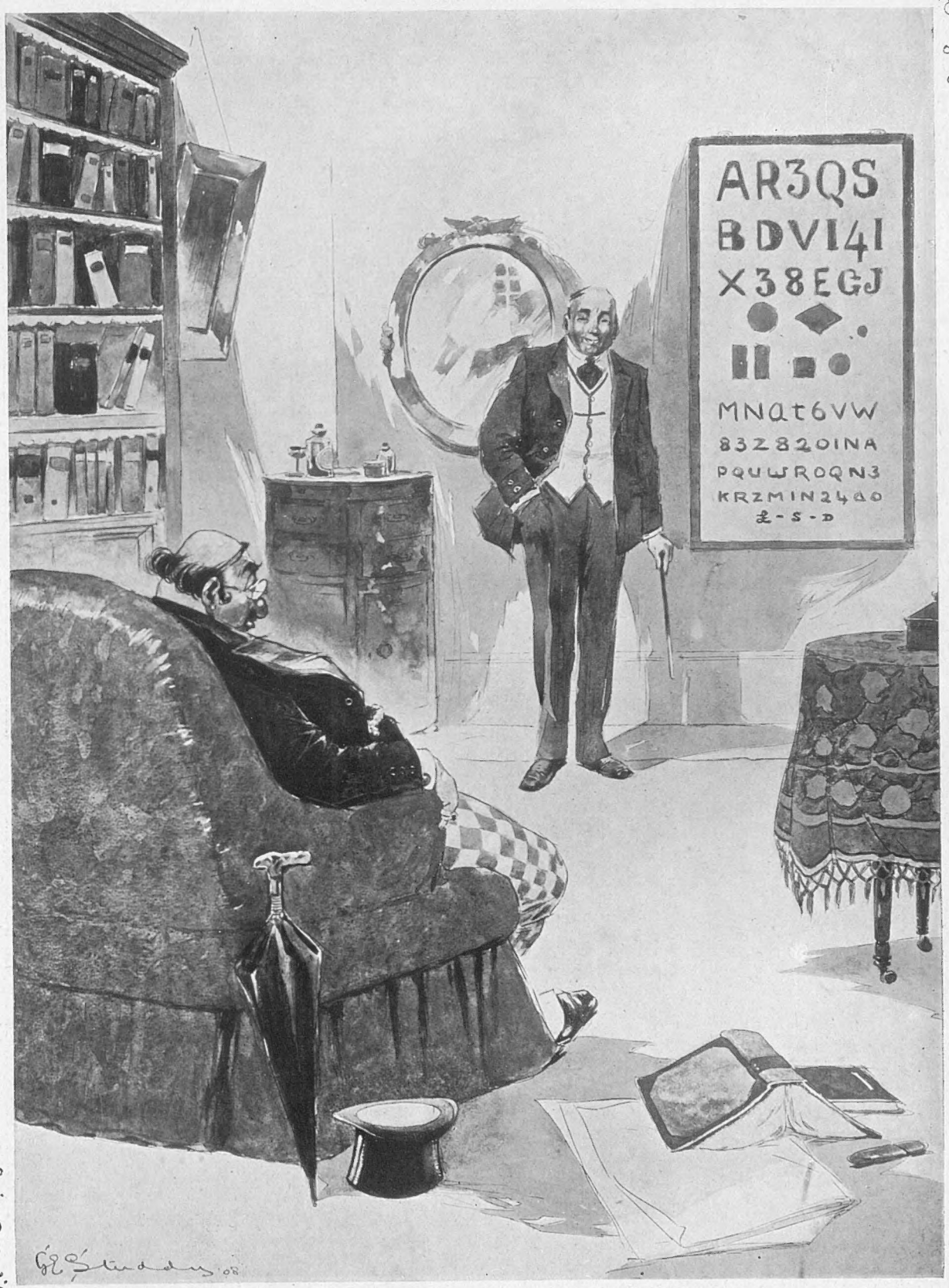
THURSDAY.—Poisoned the fish, but customers found it rather more palatable than usual. Company of Territorials billeted on us to-day; have arranged the menu accordingly. Insulted by Territorial sergeant; to-night he dies—I have given him a German cigar.

FRIDAY.—Left some German sausages about the streets; frightful mortality. Suspicion at Intelligence Department of War Office that foreign traitors are at work in the metropolis. Sent the *Times* editor a life of Mr. John Murray, and forwarded the latter a copy of the 6*s*. edition of "The Letters of Queen Victoria"; both found later seriously ill. (Described in *Times* leader as a "cowardly and barbarous act.")

SATURDAY.—German officer visited restaurant disguised as a gentleman; handed him full account of disposition of English troops on card exchanged secretly for bill of fare. Before leaving for Germany arranged final *coup*. Have connected up electric light wires with bombs placed in Admiralty offices, Scotland Yard, British Museum, and Houses of Parliament, and shell containing microbes in Tower of London. I am about to touch the button. I have!!!!!!!



Hardly a Fair Test!



Oculist: "Now, tell me, Mr. Ikenstein, which of these letters you can see?"
Mr. Ikenstein: "I can see noddings but them ones at the bottom, my tear poy"

BY G. E. STUDDY

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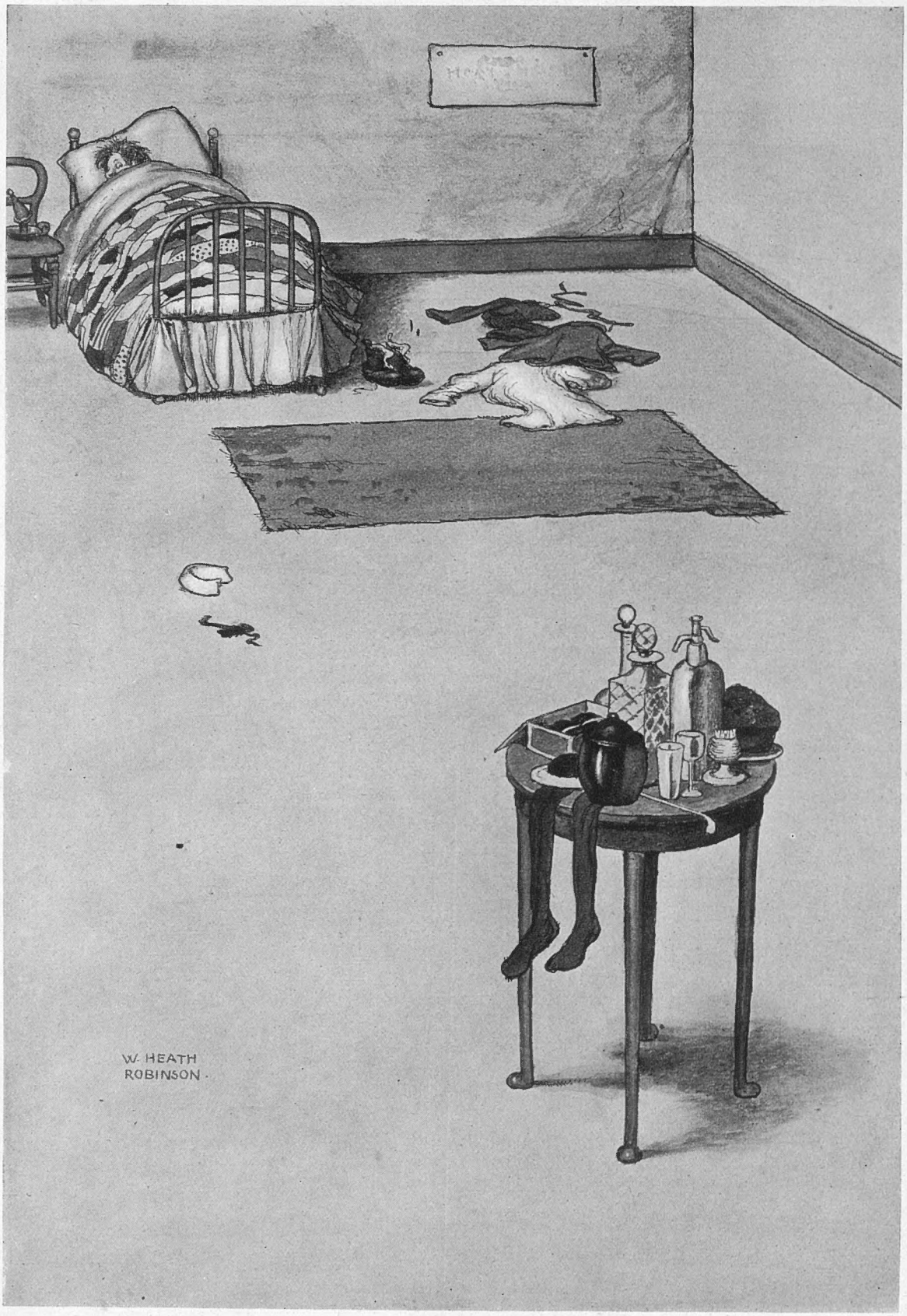
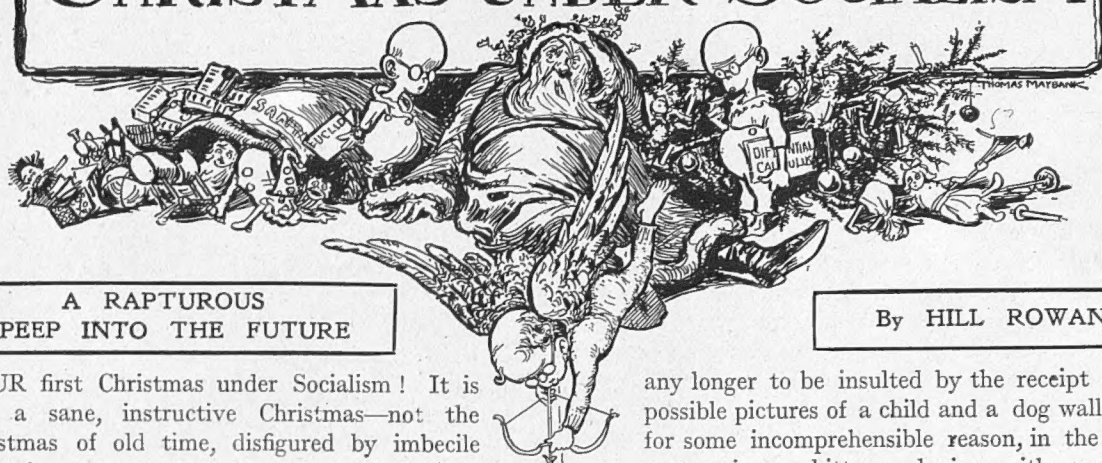


A STUDY IN CHRISTMAS-TIDE CORRUPTION

BY W. HEATH ROBINSON

CHRISTMAS UNDER SOCIALISM



A RAPTUROUS PEEP INTO THE FUTURE

By HILL ROWAN

OUR first Christmas under Socialism! It is a sane, instructive Christmas—not the Christmas of old time, disfigured by imbecile and often pagan ceremonies and stultified by horseplay. It is a Municipalised Christmas.

The Minister for Public Amusements has sent a memorandum to each comrade directing the festive season to occur at the usual date, and issuing an extra pint of soda-water to every householder, so all are mad with excitement. The walls are gay with mottoes:

"HEAVEN HELP US UNDER SOCIALISM!"

"ALL FOR EACH, AND EACH FOR EVERYTHING HE CAN GET!"

"COMRADES ALL!"

(*or words to that effect*).

Early in the morning the dustmen have left round a municipal snow man, together with the Government ration of a pound and a half of ivy leaves and twenty-five holly berries, and then there is, of course, the official Christmas tree. A tree, yes! Not the old, insanitary, cruelly barbed monstrosity of 1908, but a hygienic shrub manufactured in Germany out of disinfected *papier mâché*, and rendered non-inflammable. The gifts are affixed to it for each of the little ones, according to the educational standard they have passed, in obedience to the Young Persons Award Schedule No. 151 B, and little Johnnie is soon deep in his calico-bound edition of Locke on "The Human Understanding," while seven-year-old Mary is already sucking the paint off her packet of Higher Algebra picture postcards. The tree is decorated with non-poisonous frosting, and gaily illuminated by dark lanterns. The room is draped with Government red tape, six yards of which are issued to each householder, with instructions for use, when his rent is collected.

And how the children enjoy it all! It is the only day in the year they are allowed home from the Commonwealth Penitentiary; for, o course, the effeminate home system of training infants has long ago been done away with, once and for all—although they are allowed to write letters to their relatives four times a year. Bu some of the young ones have to be re-introduced to their fathers and mothers, and the presence of these strangers is a damper on the revelry.

The imbeci'e, not to say degrading, Christmas card has long ago been abolished by Act of Parliament; a rational, thinking nation refuse; any longer to be insulted by the receipt of impossible pictures of a child and a dog wallowing, for some incomprehensible reason, in the snow, or two insane kittens playing with an india-rubber ball. All this is now illegal under the Post Office Purification Act. A blue Government form is dropped into the letter-box of every ratepayer with a cheering message of hope and joy as follows:

POLICE NOTIFICATION No. 2909 O. K.

Re Christmas.

Take notice that you are herewith officially wished an Instructive Christmas. (No discussion can be entered into with regard to this memorandum.)—By Order, POSTMASTER-GENERAL (Per Pro. J. Jones, Secretary, Official Jollity Department).

MEM.—Your rates are now overdue. (18*s.* 6*d.* in the £.)

(This notification to be affixed in a prominent position over the chimneypiece for twenty-four hours. Mutilating or defacing the card is punishable with fourteen days' imprisonment.)

The postman drops it in, and his "Less noise in there, comrades!" is less surly than usual. He is, of course, offered no Christmas-box. To offer it would be to court five years' penal servitude under the Secret Commission Act. No! The day has gone by when the postman, the policeman, the scavenger, and the newspaper-man were crawling, hat-raising inferiors; in this, the glorious age of Socialism, they stand proud and erect, and would slap a duke on the back as cheerfully as they would hobnob with a pauper.

And now we open Santa Claus's stockings! They are distributed by a Government van—one to each child of all householders who have paid their rates and who have not been in gaol for the last ten years—made of grey bombazine and stamped with the broad arrow. Each stocking is marked "5 enclo," and contains:

1 school slate,
1 slab saccharine (to last four days),
2 (two) pair boots (Army pattern),
1 bugle, and
3 crackers. (Official memorandum: These articles are not to be exploded in the public streets or on wooden wharves. Penalty: Fourteen lashes.)

What fun the little ones have in examining them—especially the last! There is, of course, no surprise about it, for the contents are published in all the blue books, and were discussed in a heated debate in the House of Representatives last April; indeed, the

Government were nearly defeated on their policy of including the saccharine, as being senseless and demoralising.

As, under the provisions of the Daylight Saving and Economising of Fuel Acts, mid-day occurs at 9.30 a.m., and afternoon tea is taken some time before lunch, the conviviality is somewhat dislocated. Indeed, some of the guests have had to take breakfast the day before, and are now ravenously hungry, but they are prevented doing anything so reckless as eating by the provisions of the Public Digestion (England) Act.

Never mind, we can romp round the house and have fun under the mistletoe! The youngsters make merry under it, and the jollity rises higher and higher, kept only in check by the inspector of the Committee of Public Modesty, who calls every two hours to ensure moderation. A notice is affixed to the plant, numbered 14112 B, and running: "Kissing under this specimen at a reasonable rate is permitted to persons between the ages of nineteen and forty-nine from 9 a.m. till 8 p.m., except to those who have had their licence endorsed and are not certified to be free from infectious disease. The room to carry a three-candle-power light after dark, and all faces to be disinfected with Condy's Fluid.

"NOTICE.—Marriage Licences can be obtained by males of good character from the Registrar between 12 and 1, price 6*s.* 8*d.*"

A merry Christmas! No oakum-picking, no drill in the barrack-yard, no toiling at the State cotton mill to-day, no reporting ourselves at the police station, as on other days. All is idleness and frolic!

Then after tea we play the Christmas games—"Beggar My Comrade," "Invisible Exports," or "Prices and Values"—the Tariff Reform game—Bridge with the kings and queens omitted, "This is *My* Comrade's Seat," "Poor Law Guardians," and the national sport of "Compulsory Gymnastics," in which the knees must be raised 150 times to the level of the chin, expelling the breath, and the heels then planted in the small of the back until exhausted. There is the Women's Suffrage game for those who like something rougher.

Dinner is not, perhaps, the boisterous meal it used to be, but how much more wholesome! Our usual skilly is supplemented with the official issue of soda-water, a steaming hot dish of shredded carrots, 2oz. of Plasmon, and one slab of liquorice. Luxurious, perhaps, but a little dissipation is a welcome relief from the monotony of the cotton-mill, and we return to work to-morrow with all the greater zest for our recklessness of to-day.

After dinner we gather round the hot-air stove, and the roysterers quiet down as grandpapa reads us an interesting article on the death-rate among the diseased unemployed. Then little Effie (Comrade No. 1195 B, female) lights the snap-dragon, which, for purposes of precaution, is made non-inflammable, like the fireworks. Charlie (Comrade No. 2909½ P, male) opens the box of crackers, and we are all soon in roars of laughter over the mottoes:

"MAY YOUR NEW YEAR BE SOCIALISTIC!"

"WARM GRUEL AND A COMFORTABLE CELL BE YOURS THIS YULETIDE!"

"MAY YOU FIND YOUR FRIENDS AS TRUE AS THIS BOOK OF LOGARITHMS!"

And similar statements quite as exciting as Whitaker's Almanac, for we can break out a little under Socialism when the mood is on us.

More games follow, the prizes being, of course, divided equally among all, on a Communistic basis, and then we gather round the tin stove once more, and, to calm down the more turbulent spirits, listen to some more statistics from grandpapa.

Then, just as we are about to break up, there comes through the fog-laden air the sound of carols. It is from a detachment of official waits, Gang No. 17 X, composed of good-conduct convicts on ticket-of-leave, and heartily—considering their social position—they swing out the chorus:

A PATIENT CHRISTMAS ODE

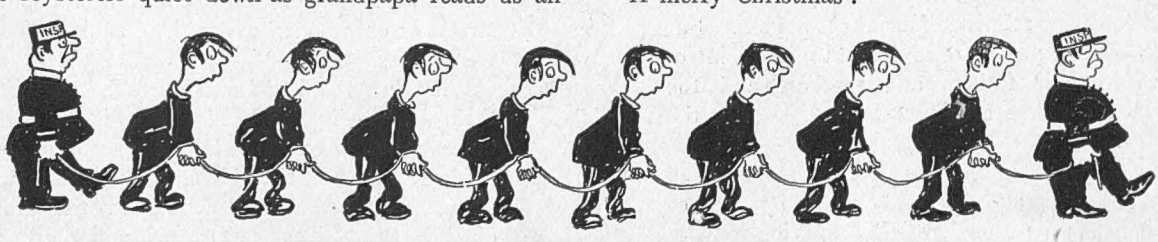
(AIR: *Chopin's Funeral March*)

Come round the plaster Christmas tree
And *papier maché* holly,
And now let every comrade be
Municipally jolly.
Bring forth the regulation cheer,
Chicago ox and ginger-beer,
And quaff our skilly without fear—
Let everyone be merry.

The comrades have new tickets on,
Their uniforms adorning;
And new brass-numbered badges don,
To greet the Christmas morning.
Oh! what a brave array is seen
Of corduroy and bombazine,
And suits of rusty velveteen—
Come let us all be merry!

The last dirge is repeated twice. And now the fun quiets down for the night, as the hoarse voice of the inspector is heard outside. It is half-past eight, and high time we were all safe back in our wards, ready to renew work at five o'clock to-morrow morning. The last cracker is exploded, the last ounce of skilly hastily drained, and we answer to our names and tramp back through the slush under the municipal guard—back for another year at the Penitentiary!

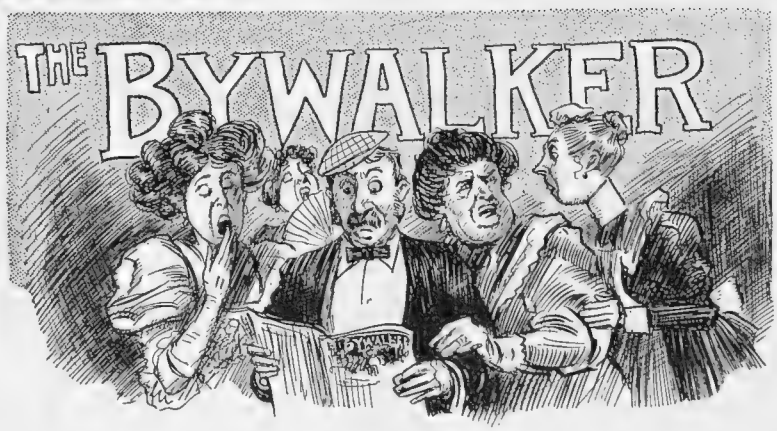
A merry Christmas!



A Slight Extenuation

"WELL, IF I AM A TRIFLE IRRITABLE, AT ALL EVENTS IT DON'T LAST LONG!"

BY H. RADCLIFFE-WILSON



*Extracts from a New Paper which may be expected to make its appearance at any moment. (If any reader detects any resemblance to any other paper he knows of we are sincerely sorry for him.—*EDITOR.)

THE WHIRL OF SOCIETY

Everybody is out of town! The Callaghans gave their last party in Angel Parade on Thursday last (early closing day), and the Marys (of Argyll) are off to the hop-fields. It has been an eventful season. Beginning with the interesting wedding of Ernestine Alberta, the (seventh) daughter of the Earl of Gray's Inn Road, to the young Territorial subaltern who claims, if we remember rightly, cousinhood with the grand-niece of a Balkan equerry, it finished with a blaze of glory at the stately obsequies of the great statesman who rose from the lowly position of a teapot handle manufacturer to be the general secretary of the Social Democratic Coagulation. Money has flowed as freely as ever. Indeed, it has been quite "the thing" to pay the tradespeople, and middle-class people may smile at this further example of the slavishly imitative methods of the aristocracy. Quite a feature of the season's festivities, too, has been the number of sudden deaths. A leading hostess who recently invited a number of celebrities to a dinner-party was grief-stricken to find that up to nine o'clock only Father Bernard Vaughan had arrived.

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OUR DIABOLICAL SHORT STORY. No. 997

There was a gleam in the woman's eye, a wilt of wet wistfulness.

"Your love is a breath," she said. "I had hoped, hoped. You know how the sea-spume spits? Higher and higher! *And* higher! (I have to repeat myself or the story wouldn't run into the fourth page.) I have often wished to help it reach the jagged rock that sneers. So have I waited, waited through the pinnacle of years. What had I hoped for? A chop, a cutlet, a cut off the joint? Perhaps. You do not care. You are a breath; your love is a puff of smoke. Ah, but you are beautiful! If only because you are a figure in a sex problem you are superb. You are also immoral. I would not speak of it, but the light—the light fades."

"Zouzou! Ethyl! Blanche! What of it? A woman, a voteless woman especially, makes life so speculative. What has been said? Good, better, best! Married, re-married, damned!"

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ME, AMERICA, AND THE DRAMA

If I may quote a truly expressive Americanism, Mr. Henry Wing Barrie's comedy, "Why Married Men Make Bad Husbands in the Beginning and Become Abominably Domestic in the Fourth Act" is "It." I can strongly recommend any past, present, or prospective murderer to see Sir Herbert's acting in the great scene. If it does not appeal to his sense of humour and induce a sensation of penitence, then all I can say is, as the Americans picturesquely phrase it, that "it's up to them to get new think-tanks." The acting throughout is orchidaciously light. I was sitting, myself, in a stall next to a popular racing baronet, himself, when Sir Herbert had to change his boots for a pair of carpet slippers. "Ah!" said the baronet, himself, "he will slip her better in slippers." (Slip-hers!) This *mot*, or, as some would say, *cliché*, struck me as being so exquisitely humorous that I am proud to be the first to publish it.

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RANDOM RAVINGS

One of our miserable contemporaries has an article entitled "Hebdomadal Humour." How its author must have suffered!

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We apologise for an important omission from this issue. Our weekly "Daily Mail" sally got mislaid in the post. But buy us next week as usual.

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We are carefully thinking out a new joke about "The Merry Widow." For the present, our readers must rest content with the information that it has something to do with a weary meadow.

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THE LIBRARY: SHORT SHRIFTS

The Ironist, by Wunsa Week (Messrs. Shirt and Collar: 6*s*.), is uniterable—also unutterable. There is something soothing about the size of the cover, but why should we be asked to interest ourselves in an Asian engineer with a yellow beard? It matters not one straw to us if his wife did prefer death to destiny, and there is certainly nothing sensational in her decision. By the way, this is not a "Vale of Tears." But perhaps Mr. Week does not tip the waiter.

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The Ideal Man, by Charity Cheape, is a dismal treatise leading to the blasphemous conclusion that "the ideal man is the ideal husband." As all men are liars, the ideal husband is the ideal liar, and that is the last word on the subject.

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In Extremis is the effervescent title of a book of Straight Talks for the Young. Sacred music. The Rector will preside. No collection. Come and bring a friend (D.V.). The first essay deals with the well-known topic, "Are you going to Blazes?" It appears that once upon a time there was an editor in the habit of using bad language. This little volume realistically conveys the manner of his conversion from the terrible habit. It was a deathbed conversion.

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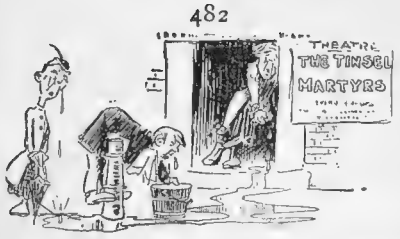
THE EDITOR'S BOX

We can't imagine a more charming Christmas present than a pot of MacMurder's Enamel (see advt. p. xxxx). We have every reason to believe that it can be safely applied to almost anything. The crimson tints are in great favour with undergraduates "chucked out" of the Empire. You can but try it.

Where Ignorance is Bliss

Short-sighted Old Gentleman (*who has mistaken the shadow for the substance*): "This handrail is a great improvement! I always was afraid of slipping into the ditch!"

BY JOHN HASSALL



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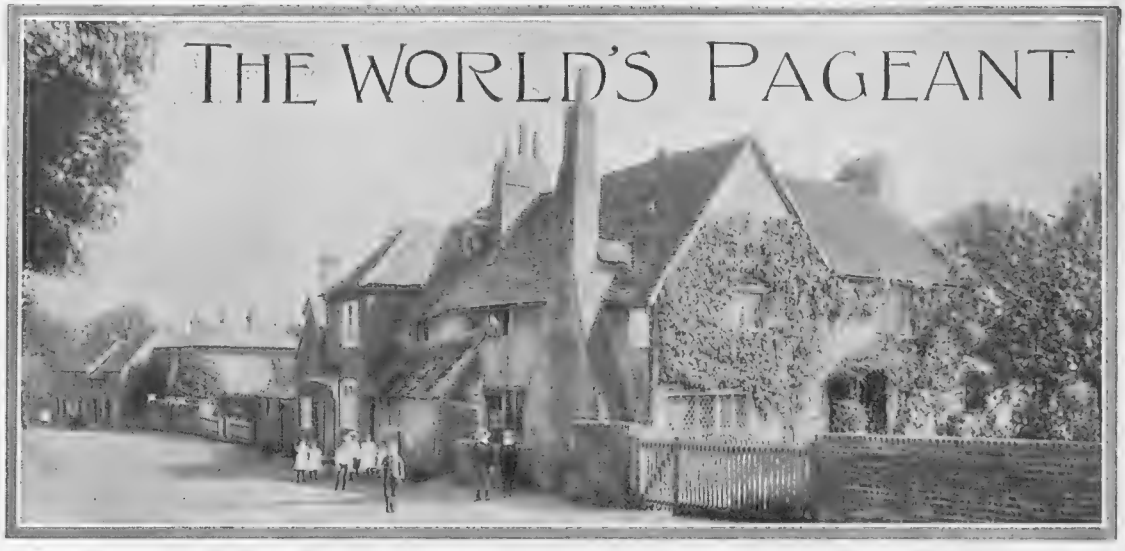

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Where Part of "Paradise Lost" was Written: Milton's Cottage at Chalfont St. Giles

Just now, in view of the tercentenary celebrations—Milton having been born 300 years ago to-morrow (Thursday) in Bread Street, Cheapside—the poet's cottage at Chalfont St. Giles is more than ever the Mecca of literary pilgrims. The poet himself never saw his Buckinghamshire cottage, for when he retired thither to escape the Great Plague of 1665, he had been blind for more than ten years

The New — and Cosmopolitan—Christmas

Somehow, Christmas has no fears for Society to-day. Not long ago the easily bored used to fly abroad at this season and so escape a period notable for its dulness and heavy qualities. During the last few years so many foreigners have come here that their ways have become our ways, and the things we used to have to travel to find are at our very doors. Of course, the Christmas decorations and fun are largely German in origin. William IV.'s good Queen Adelaide first introduced the Christmas tree here to amuse the many charming young people of her husband's family. All the other nations of the earth, as well as peoples dissociated with the Christian faith, have brought us suggestions for the aggrandisement of this particular feast. Although the Hebraic personages who form so strong a contingent in the fashionable life of to-day cannot be said to have other than an historic interest in this particular date, they enter most fully into the social character of the occasion.

OUR NOW ARCADIAN UNDERGROUND

DISSATISFIED DEVIL: "Not half so homelike as it used to be, is it?"

BY STANGER PRITCHARD

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A Graceful Festival

The cosmopolitan Christmas of to-day is, as a result, a very pleasing affair. In the country houses one is free until the luncheon hour, and the afternoon is filled with the pleasure of seeing young people happy. The dinner at eight or so has been wonderfully treated by the modern cook, and while preserving all the traditional symbols and historic dishes, is now so pleasingly prepared and

Out of the Mouths—

Little Girl *(after a critical survey of her mother's new Directoire gown)*: "But, mummy dear, what a big shoe-horn you must want to be able to get inside!" BY LEWIS BAUMER

served that its heavy character, once the target of so many shafts of wit, has utterly passed away. The more or less casual dance that now so often follows the Christmas dinner sends us all to bed agreeably tired: thus those old, unhappy ghosts that haunted the season call in vain from ancient Christmas numbers. The kindly feeling and spirit of peace which have grown up in Society of late years have done much for the enjoyment of this short winter recess, which carries with it especially good-will to gentle men.

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The King's Health

The happy recovery of the King from the cold he caught at Castle Rising dissipated any vestige of anxiety for him that might have shadowed the Sandringham celebrations for the Queen's birthday last week. So we have the best of good reasons to congratulate his Majesty and her Majesty, and also respectfully to couple these congratulations with all the compliments of the season.

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Royal Gifts

The King is wisely German in many things, and in nothing so Teutonic as the way in which he likes to keep Christmas. "Surprise presents" delight him as much as they did when he was a boy, and he goes so far as to affect astonishment when he actually knows what the present is to be. For instance, there is a certain brand of Russian cigarettes of which he invariably receives a supply at Christmas from his nephew-in-law, the Tsar. Yet when the package reaches him he is apparently all amaze. Apropos of the Tsar, I am reminded that a special messenger arrives at Sandringham from St. Petersburg on the afternoon of every Christmas Day. The messenger puts up in London during the previous day, or, may be, only for a few hours, and nimbly appears at Sandringham laden with gifts just at the witching moment when Christmas tea is being served.

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"Tum-Tum's" Christmas

The King remembers the Christmas celebrations of his early childhood as distinctly as if they were but yesterday. It was on one Christmas Eve that "Tom Thumb" was invited from Astley's to give his performances at Windsor Castle for the Royal children's pleasure. The King, unable to pronounce the little fellow's name, called him "Tum-Tum," and somehow the name stuck to the coiner of it himself for ever afterwards. Yet there are many people to-day who believe that "Tum-Tum" was the nickname bestowed upon his Majesty by his intimates at a much later date.

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How the Queen Chooses Her Presents

The Queen, practical in all things, gives one a wrinkle as to how to economise in time and trouble when ordering Christmas presents. If she take a fancy to a special amethyst brooch, "I couldn't do better than that," she will say, and orders twelve of the same brooch; or twenty of the same silver-gilt button-hooks, just as the case may be. Last Christmas, for instance, she despatched a copy of the same fascinating book to no fewer than twenty-four friends.

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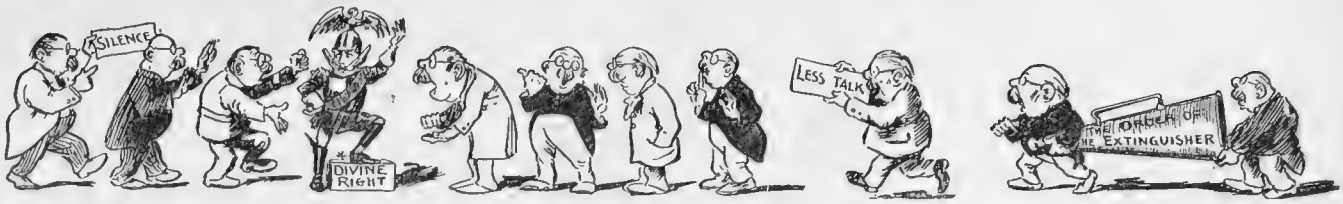
The King's Caricatures

This year the Royalties are fascinated with the wooden toy caricatures of M. Sem, the Parisian. A box of the racing set was given to the King on his birthday by his Household. It was a welcome gift, for the King is very fond of caricatures, and has a splendid collection of them at Sandringham in his den. Through a friend he bought up, one by one, a whole array of the late Sir Frank Lockwood's which were displayed one winter in a Pall Mall window. On his Majesty's stable walls, when last I visited his Norfolk home, I noticed



a set of the racing caricatures of Pellegrini, including the first-rate "Jockey Club" one.

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Royal Views on Christmas

Some people think it is rather distressing that, had it not been for the simplicity of the Queen's tastes and her preference for jollifications at Sandringham, the King, on coming to the Throne, would have revived at Windsor the old pageantry and bravery of Christmas which were the rule when Merrie England *was* merrie. For my part I think simplicity is much better. Motley is not the only wear. Pageantry was charming when the nation was not grown up, but now we are middle-aged—well, she can be merry in a pleasanter and less public way.

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A December Season

Quite a pleasant, if unofficial, little London "season" has managed to make itself during this December in Town. It is much easier than it used to be, for small *coteries* of people who find themselves unexpectedly in London to entertain each other generally have a good time. Of course, the excellences of the modern hotels have done this. The other night, for example, a bachelor or two gave a small dance at the Savoy, for which many of the smartest and liveliest women in Society found time. There have been many other impromptu entertainments, with theatre parties, developed out of shopping expeditions, which have lent quite a busy air to Bond Street and Mayfair and the places where one can be sure of a graceful and lively dinner before the play or a light or merry supper after it.

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A Curzon Occurrence

Cape Town is to have the advantage of a visit from Lord Curzon of Kedleston about January 4. He goes in search of health, and is prepared, no doubt, to dispense wisdom in return. A few days before he started on board the *Gaikha* he paid a visit to the delightful Wallace Collection, and, *inter alia*, ran up against one of those ridiculous rules with which some of our museums bristle. Lord Curzon carried with him an umbrella in ordinary. Now, no man shall enter Hertford House carrying such a weapon. Many Englishmen, justly incensed, turn away from the very doors of this palace of eighteenth-century French art rather than be parted from their umbrellas. Not so the once ruler of Indian millions. He would not give up his umbrella, he would not go away, he would not take the stick which is permitted to invalids, and so poor Mr. Claude Phillips, the curator, had to explain the position. Mr. Phillips began gently. "It is our only little rule. And you, sir, who have ruled over so many, will understand that I, who rule over so few, must—er—er—er. . . ." But his lordship's eye—the orb that almost made Kitchener quail—stopped the curator's flow of language, and the Baron of Kedleston passed on towards the engaging Bouchers, grasping his umbrella and muttering the motto of his family, which is something to the following effect, "Let Curzon holde what Curzon helde."

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Listening to the latest music-hall ditties through the Phonograph in the Market Square, Johannesburg. Note the serious and attentive looks on their faces.

THE KAFFIR'S CHRISTMAS DAY

A convivial trio whose dental smiles rival those of the most radiant of our musical comedy actresses

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Our Supplement

The great feature of the past season, so far as light stage entertainments went, was, undoubtedly, the dancing of Miss Maud Allan—and of those who imitated her. Never was the cult of the weird and unusual in dancing so prominent in London. THE BYSTANDER is therefore topical, even in its Christmas Number, in presenting its readers with the coloured plate reproducing a drawing by Norman Morrow of Miss Allan.

THE PLAYHOUSES

"Sir Anthony" at Wyndham's

Herne Hill has been brought within a few minutes' walk of Charing Cross. The author of this geographical miracle is Mr. Haddon Chambers. He has established at Wyndham's Theatre a panoramic canvas, upon which are depicted types of middle-class suburban life so faithfully and humanly drawn that there is no need for the stranger to take a train at St. Paul's Station in order to study them. It is quite likely that Herne Hill will object, shifting the responsibility upon Balham, which will in turn lay the blame of harbouring the Chope family upon Upper Tooting. This is no matter.

A Comedy of Manners

The dramatist might just as well have invented a new name for Suburbia. Indeed, it were better had he done so, for his new title might even have passed into a generic term as, raising the social bar a good many pegs, did Mr. Anthony Hope's Ruritania. For the Chope family are scattered over the four quarters of London. Mr. Chambers and a clever company have indulged in the very kindliest kind of caricature; if, indeed, showing people as they are without any attempt to contrast them unfavourably with their social superiors can be called caricature. Here is an exquisite comedy of manners, and if anyone fails to appreciate the delightful and subtle vein of humour running through the play, then his own sense of humour must be at fault. Mr. Chambers has scrutinised Herne Hill as faithfully as Mr. Hubert Henry Davies has Mayfair.

Photo *Bassano*

Miss Viola Tree

Who is appearing in *Pixie and the Fairies* as the Sleeping Beauty, Mr. Graham Robertson's Children's Christmas play at His Majesty's, in which Miss Ellen Terry will play the part of Aunt Imogen

An Amazing Rôle

Like *The Mollusc, Sir Anthony* contains one amazing rôle, which should make the fortunes of the play. It is not the rôle played by Mr. Weedon Grossmith, who has in reality very few opportunities. Clarence Chope, the young clerk who cuts a dash in his humble circle with fictitious tales of his bosom-friendship with the aristocratic Sir Anthony, does not figure half so prominently as his friend, Mr. Bob Morrison. From his first entrance Mr. Morrison labels the play. There enters a young man, long, lithe, with waxy, carroty hair and a cheeky moustache.

He is dressed in flannels, and enters the Chope's sitting-room making imaginary "strokes" with a tennis racquet. His black cheviot jacket, with a white stripe, has a "smart" City cut. He is springy on his heels, as befits the young man who carried off the local silver cup for boxing. He is a dead game "sport," and his speech is racy of the pavement. The flat intonation, the clipped words, the expressive figures of speech, the catch-phrases, make up a dialect which is such pure cockney that when Mr. Morrison opens his mouth we have the tang of London in our nostrils and the *bourdon* of its traffic in our ears.

Mr. Beerbohm's Triumph

Mr. Morrison would woo the fair Olive Bruton, and his manner towards his beloved runs the gamut of self-consciousness and embarrassment. The young actor who grasped the wonderful possibilities of this unforgettable rôle—indeed, who shares with Mr. Chambers the laurels of creating it—is Mr. Evelyn Beerbohm. To the best of my knowledge it was Mr. Beerbohm's first appearance in a London cast. He is a jewel of rare price; in fact, a Cullinan among comedians. Of his clever companions in the cast mention must be made of Miss Christine Silver as the mincing, affected, ever-smiling little blossom of Suburbia, Olive Bruton; of Miss Nina Boucicault as Clarence Chope's downright and outspoken sister; of Mr. Edmund Maurice as a veritable John Bull among Pork and Bacon Curers, pompous, blustering, but thoroughly honest and dependable. Mr. Weedon Grossmith, too, was undaunted by the slender stock of his opportunities. He played the rôle of Clarence Chope for all it was worth. But it is Mr. Bob Morrison whom the memory loves to linger over. And it is Mr. Evelyn Beerbohm who will act as steersman of the bark, *Sir Anthony*, on its voyage over the uncertain waters of public opinion to the welcome haven of success.

E. C. S.

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Miss Rhoda Ray
Who will play the part of the Princess in *Dick Whittington* at the Grand Theatre, Croydon

"THE STRONGER SEX"

Mr. Frank Richardson Tells Us About His Forthcoming New Paper

THE Editor of this journal has asked me to write an article for his admirable publication.

My reason for refusing his very kind offer is, briefly, this. I am on the point of starting a new journal myself. Therefore, it would be bad policy to supply bright thoughts and brainy ideas to a rival publication. It is, perhaps, saying too much to describe the newspaper, the Editor of which has made me this handsome offer, as a rival publication, because, when my newspaper appears, no other periodical can possibly receive the compliment of being described as a rival.

And for this reason.

The woman always decides what newspaper shall be taken in the home. She, surely, will be completely fascinated by my title!

Look at my title!

The Stronger Sex alone is worth the money. (Every man and woman in the land will feel flattered.) I haven't yet decided what the price will be. Indeed, I think it is highly probable that, owing to the spl ndid "get-up" of the paper, even millionairesses will have to buy it on the instalment plan.

Among my contributors will be found the most eminent writers in the world. I have already secured a serial poem by

DANTE

(The Italian Rudyard Kipling).

It is of most absorbing interest, and will eventually appeal to all my readers.

MRS. THURSTON'S new novel,

"JAMES PILLBOX, M.D.,"

will also appear in my columns.

MR. GEORGE R. SIMS, the eminent Tatchoist, has promised me a pun.

"FRANK DANBY" has prepared a most interesting agricultural essay on the nutritive properties of clover as a diet for pigs. (Every true Piggist should read this.)

SIR EDWARD CLARKE, K.C., contributes an instructive article—"Forensic Face-Fittings; or How to Wear Whi kers from Infancy to Old Age." It is illustrated with portraits of the author, Dr. Blake-Odgers, K.C., Sir James Crichton-Browne, and the leading whisker-wearers of our day. It teems with quiet fun.

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By

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I.—Mr. Max Beerbohm.

A great deal of the letterpress will be from the pen of Frank Richardson.

FEMININE FANCIES

Hints for Very Young Mothers

If the infant screams loudly through being dropped in a boiling bath by mistake, take it out.

Before washing the baby, take its clothes off, as otherwise they are liable to get damp and to give the child a cold. Also, make a point of putting them on again in more or less the same order as before. This will entail some trouble, but it is worth doing.

The best way to prevent an infant from crying too much is to let one meal last until it is time for another; then begin the second one punctually, while you are at leisure. If later on in the day you are otherwise occupied, it will not matter to skip a couple of meals, as you can always make up for it when you have a spare moment. For instance, if you have to pay a round of visits, just take time by the forelock, and give the child its entire supply before you start.

HOW TO BECOME A SUFFRAGETTE AND TO DRESS BECOMINGLY

"One Who Knows."*

* I am "One Who Knows"—F. R.

NAMES TO CALL YOUR BABY

Nothing is smarter if the child is a male than Alfred or Leicester (Hildebrand will do). But in practice you will probably address it as "Guzzy-wuzzy" or "Didums-was-it," quite regardless of its sex or its prospects in the matter of sanity.

"Aunt Nelly"*

* I am "Aunt Nelly"—F. R.

HINTS ON MODES

Last year's sleeves are still very much worn, especially about the elbows. If you wish to renovate your drab coat and make it look as good as new, an economical plan is to take out the sleeves of your velvet visiting-dress, put them in the coat, and place the drab cloth sleeves in the velvet dress. You will then have, apparently, two new dresses, and no friend will be the wiser—nor will care a straw.

"The Duchess of Bayswater"*

* I am the dear "Duchess"—F. R.

EXCHANGE

Gentleman's off-side misfit wooden leg, hardly worn (approval if desired). For good copy of Mendelssohn's songs without words, or smart lady's navy serge skirt, or gent's gold Albert chain.

Green parrot (talks several languages, but no Fiscal talk). For "The Life and Letters of Algernon Ashton," or a set of baby linen.

Mandoline. High-class Italian. For pair of straight-fronted corsets (real whalebone), or infant's high chair to seat two.

Full set of artificial whiskers (life-size, by Clarkson). For ten-guinea bottle of Tatcho, or still-life study of Mr. Seymour Hicks, or dressmaker's model figure of Miss Maud Allan.

Nearly new single eyeglass (said to have been worn by Mr. A. E. W. Mason when writing "The Broken Road"). For disused toga, or golden boots used by the late Wilson Barrett, or gent's fancy vest of tessellated pavement design disused by Mr. Martin Harvey.

IT OUGHT TO BE A GOOD PAPER, EH?

Frank Richardson.

CHRISTMAS IN THE COUNTRY

A High Shot

In Covert and Hunting-Field

At the average country house, Christmas is looked forward to with more than usual expectancy as one of the most delightful times of the year. It is the time of all others for the gathering of old friends and relatives. The Christmas house-party is quite unlike that which is entertained at any other season. For one thing, host and hostess are not kept at full tension in amusing their guests; as a rule, the happy Yuletide spirit of mutual enjoyment with young and old alike is too insistent to make the addition of extraneous attractions at all necessary. For the sportsman Christmas in the country has endless attractions. On many estates the best coverts are not shot until the annual party is assembled in the closing days of December, and even when the first and second shoots have already been brought off, there usually remains plenty of game to provide good sport for the Christmas guests. In these latter cases the cock pheasants have become uncommonly wary with age and experience, and want a great deal of bringing down. Big bags are not, in the ordinary way, the great object of the parties at this time of the year, but the old birds afford exceptional scope for good individual shooting.

Photos **A Christmas Shooting-Party** *J. T. Newman*
Guns after a drive

Sport in Fields and Warrens

Outside the coverts there is often rare sport to be had over rough field and plough, where the December partridge will show you that he is quite a different proposition from the guileless bird of September. The warrens will not lack for rabbits, while in the low meadows there will occasionally be the chance of snipe rising to test the skill of the smartest shots. In fact, there is infinite variety for the guns at this season of the year. In the hunting-field, too, the seasonable spirit is noticeable. The youngsters home from school are eager for a scamper in the wake of hounds, and, though a few old fogies may grumble and pretend that the boys and girls are in the way, who in their heart of hearts can begrudge the young people this taste of sport? In discussing this subject it has been wisely pointed out that the schoolboy of to-day is the country gentleman of to-morrow, and foxhunters should not hesitate to give the youngsters every chance of strengthening that love for hunting which generally is bred in them. The man who entertains his friends in a hunting country at Christmas will, no doubt, find the resources of his stable well taxed, but if he is a keen Nimrod himself nothing will rejoice him more than to ride out with his little party to the meet. Let me add that it is to be hoped that the regulations regarding "capping" will not be too stringently applied at this period of the season in those countries where the system has been recently introduced.

Boxing-Day Meets

On and about Boxing-Day Masters of Hounds have to expect monster fields, and they usually show their consideration for the townspeople by meeting in their midst, thus for once in a way giving them a full view of the panoply of the chase. We shall probably see the Quorn in the heart of Melton Mowbray or possibly in Loughborough, on Boxing Day; the Belvoir will be at Grantham, the Cottesmore at Oakham, the Grafton at Towcester, the Oakley at Bedford, the Blankney at Sleaford, and so on throughout the kingdom. Christmas is a particularly happy time for the huntsman and whippers-in, as many a little *douceur* comes their way from regular followers in grateful token of sport enjoyed.

A. W. C.

RACING NOTIONS

STEEPLECHASING PROSPECTS. By CARBINE

Which is the more interesting from a spectacular standpoint—a five or six-furlong sprint on the flat with the horses bunched together on the rails almost inextricably, or a good three-mile steeplechase, with the jumpers in full view of the stands for the greater part of the way? I think we must, in all fairness, give the palm to the steeplechase. On a brisk winter's afternoon a good steeplechasing meeting makes for exhilaration and capital sport, and it is satisfactory to know that the prospects for the season now started under National Hunt Rules are very bright. There are plenty of good sportsmen who prefer cross-country sport to the intensity of flat-racing, and among them one can mention Mr. G. C. Assheton-Smith, who owns the estates and name of *the* Assheton-Smith so famous in hunting history; Lord St. Davids, better known, perhaps, as Mr. J. Wynford Philipps; Prince Hatzfeldt, who has the services of that splendid little horseman, the Hon. Aubrey Hastings, as trainer and jockey; Mr. Frank Bibby, the popular Master of the North Shropshire Hounds; Mr. C. R. Hodgson, and Mr. C. B. Ismay.

PURCHASER (*who has been led into buying a lean old hack*): "Suppose you'll just run him round to my place?"
TOM: "But, suppose you're not in, sir?
PURCHASER: "Oh!—well, then, snove 'im under the door"
By J. H. STEVENSON

A Stable Worth Following

Writing at the beginning of December, it is a little difficult to make a selection of horses worth following, as many jumpers are not yet in racing condition, and there has been practically nothing in the way of form to go upon so far. I think that it will be no bad plan to watch the Hartigans' stable, especially in the first half of the season. These young Irish sportsmen, whose success at Weyhill has been really phenomenal, have been working hard to get their 'chasers fit in good time, and I expect to see them reap their reward during the next few weeks. Thus the man who goes steeplechasing is likely to find "following Hartigan" a useful maxim. Robert Gore's stable will, in all probability, have a big season, as this contains all Mr. Assheton-Smith's cracks. With such talent as Cackler, Jerry M., and Holy War this stable looks like winning any non-handicap steeplechase it chooses to contest. At the present moment this rather threatens to destroy some of the interest of the sport, yet who can foretell what new cracks will arise to tackle Mr. Assheton-Smith's champions?

Twelve Likely Winners

It is always interesting at the beginning of a new season to survey the prospects of prominent performers, and I have drawn up a list of twelve horses which I am hopeful will pay for following during the season. Half a dozen are grouped as steeplechasers and the rest as hurdle-racers, as follows:

Steeplechasers—Cackler, Canteen, Mount Prospect's Fortune, Rough Pup, Phaeton, Davy Jones. *Hurdle-racers*—Prince Robert, Kolo, True as Steel, Simonson, Sintram, Mount Prospect II.

It will be noticed that I have only selected one of Mr. Assheton-Smith's three cracks, and I believe Cackler to be the best of them. It will, I think, be a long time before he is beaten. Rough Pup is a consistent performer recently purchased to join the same stable as Cackler. Canteen belongs to Mr. Bibby, and put in a brilliant performance in the recent Grand Sefton Steeplechase. In that searching race Phaeton and Davy Jones also ran prominently. Mount Prospect's Fortune was a disappointment to many in last season's Grand National, but there can be no gainsaying his exceptional merit over a country. Among the hurdle-racers I have high hopes of Prince Robert, who will probably prove himself one of the best of the season in this branch of National Hunt racing. Later in the season I hope to report the progress of this promising dozen.

GAMES & PASTIMES

GOLF. By ERNEST LEHMANN

The Sandwich Lothians

Christmas is once more upon us. To some the festive season is but a mixed joy. It has its "bilious" side from more than one point of view. But to the modern golfer it comes with a special appeal. Provided that Father Christmas does not wear too snowy a beard all will be well. Combined bridge and golf parties are the order of the day. Courses and hotels prepare themselves specially for the advent of merry bands of holiday-makers, while the prayer goes up on all hands for a green and not too windy Yuletide. The question which many a golfer is now asking himself is, "Where shall I spend my Christmas?" I will give him an answer to his question. Let him betake himself to Sandwich, having taken his room at the Guilford Hotel, and let him then, with his chosen party of comrades, proceed to sample the three first-class courses which he will find within easy hail of his hostelry. At the Guilford Hotel he will be not only comfortably housed, but, what is even more important, his inner man will be thoroughly well cared for. I can speak from experience, having just spent four days there. The change in management since I was there in the spring of last year has worked wonders. Good, plain, wholesome, well-cooked food, just what the golfer wants, is put before the hungry player, and stupid Anglo-French cooking (horrid combination), the curse of so many modern hostels, is conspicuous by its absence.

Around the Links

Having thus assured the creature comforts of my imaginary party, let me next spread before them the true *pièce de résistance*, the links on which they can play. From the windows of the hotel the famous Maiden can be seen a few hundred yards away, conveying to the eager player the news that golf is close to his hand. Further afield the club-house of the Prince's Golf Club can be seen beckoning him to the superb new course which the untiring labour and ingenuity of Mr. Mallaby-Deeley and Mr. P. M. Lucas have carved out of the former waste of sand-dunes stretching from the thirteenth hole of the St. George's course towards Pegwell Bay. To the south the fine course of the Cinque Ports Club at Deal provides a fresh joy, when and if the player should tire of St. George's and Prince's. Whichever way the player turns he will be confronted by grand arenas for the testing of his highest golfing capacity, and whether it be the lovely greens at Deal, the frowning carries at St. George's, or the testing and interesting variety of the holes at Prince's, which appeal to him most, one thing is certain, he will not be bored for lack of variety in his golf.

Splendid "Prince's"

But what I shall mostly envy those who take my advice and spend Christmas at Sandwich is their first introduction to the Prince's course. I have great regard for both Deal and St. George's, but in my opinion neither of them is as good as the new course. Prince's can challenge comparison with the oldest and best of its rivals. Just as at St. Andrews the player must use his brains as well as his muscles all the time, so at Prince's every shot must be "played with the head." There is not a dull nor a bad hole in the course. The short holes, the third, fifth, and fourteenth, are all admirable. Of the long holes, the finest to my mind are the second, eighth, eleventh, and seventeenth. The special glory of the course consists in its second shots, in its cunningly and correctly distributed pot-bunkers, and in its delightful wavy greens. Here you do not find those vast and uninteresting expanses which do duty as putting-greens on so many modern courses, and which are the curse of latter-day golf, but you recognise with delight that the billiard-table ideal has been resolutely cast out and the proper sporting instinct of the player appealed to. The course is but in its early infancy, but it is so intrinsically good that it has

Desperate Measures

DESPAIRING CADDIE: "'Ere, mum, 'ave a shot with this; I wants my dinner"

BY DUDLEY BUXTON

all the air of a seasoned veteran. In a few years increasing play will have hardened and matured it. I am much mistaken if the professionals do not cast longing eyes on it as the arena for an Open Championship.

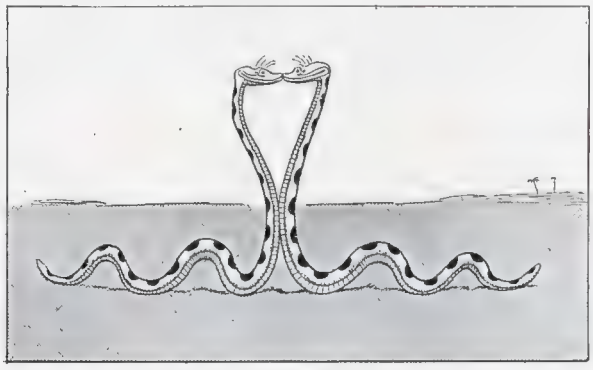
In the firmament of golf a new planet of the first magnitude has arisen. Therefore, my friends, go to Sandwich, play at Deal, St. George's, and Prince's, but keep most of your days for the youngest member of the Southern Lothian family.

ERNEST LEHMANN.

XMAS PASTIMES

Wanted an Indoor Game

I am tempted by the fact that this is the Christmas Number of THE BYSTANDER to depart somewhat from the beaten track and air some views I hold on the subject of indoor games. There are a great many people to whom a reasonable amount of exercise is an absolute necessity, and in the winter those who are occupied with work or business during the brief hours of daylight are often hard put to it to find something within doors which will combine relaxation and amusement with exercise. Of course, there are any number of children's games, and, at Christmas-time more especially, we often find ourselves joining with zest in the romps of our youngsters. But where would these games be without the children? One can hardly imagine a party of adults setting to work to play blind man's buff or musical chairs. On the other hand, there are innumerable games, among which bridge, at the present time at any rate, ranks first, which are absorbingly interesting but wholly sedentary, and are, therefore, of no use in themselves to the man in need of exercise.



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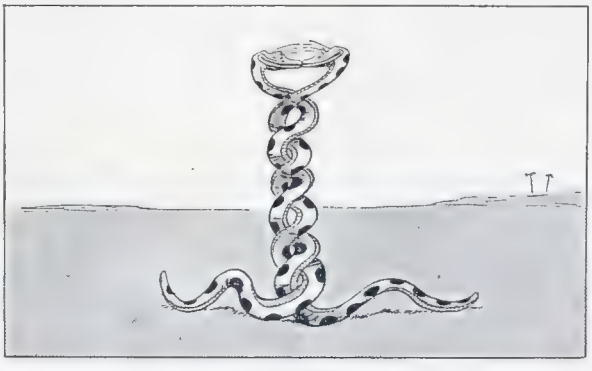

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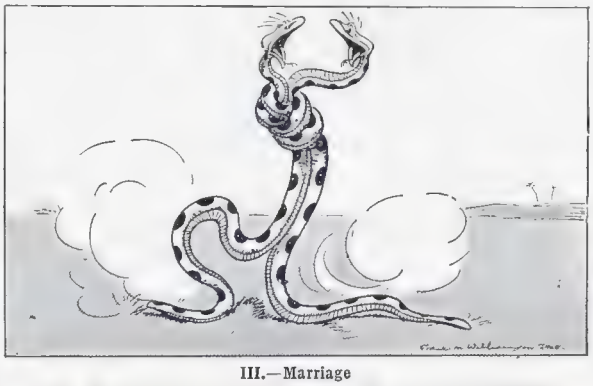

III.—Marriage

THE MARRIAGE TIE—THREE STAGES OF ATTACHMENT

By F. M. WILLIAMSON

The Drawback of Billiards

Of course, there can be no doubt that billiards, for the very reason that it entails a certain amount of physical exertion, is the finest indoor game in the world; but the room and paraphernalia required for the game are only within the reach of a fortunate few, while others who can get billiards at clubs or hotels are often not disposed to absent themselves from home for more than a very occasional game.

—And of Badminton

A game which has made great progress as a winter game for the evenings (for it can be played with enjoyment by artificial light) is badminton; but here, again, we cannot play *in the home*. We must join a badminton club, and badminton clubs are not always to be found within a reasonable distance of one's abode. We must look for something else.

Why Not Revive Ping-Pong?

I think, therefore, that there is a fortune awaiting the man who can invent a satisfactory indoor game which can be played at home without requiring anything special in the way of a room, floor space, or elaborate and costly paraphernalia, and provides its players with a reasonable amount of exercise. And at the risk of being laughed at for being out of date, I cannot help in the meantime putting in a word for ping-pong; for ping-pong was an excellent game for the home, but it was killed by being over-boomed, and by the fact that a certain number of players devoted themselves to it so assiduously and became so skilful that the ordinary mortal was driven out of court. I maintain, however, that this was a pure accident, and not an accident of so serious a nature as to render recovery impossible. At Christmas-time we can afford to be old-fashioned, and since there seems to be no startling novelty to arrest our attention, I recommend my readers to give ping-pong another chance. I feel sure that we shall derive any amount of amusement therefrom.

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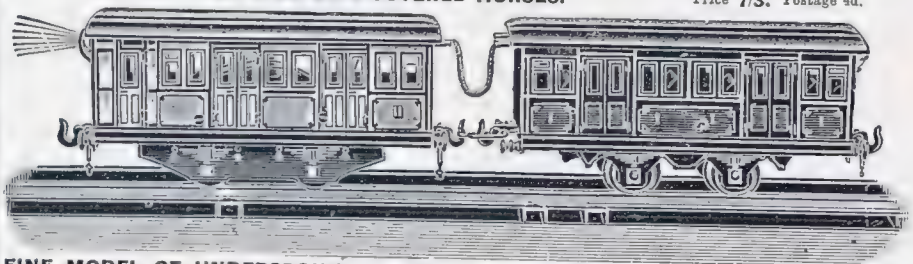

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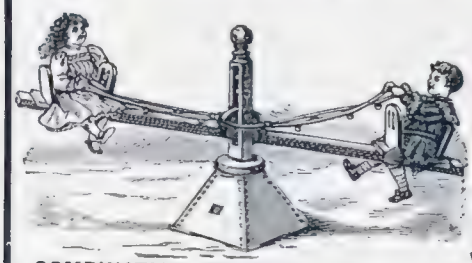

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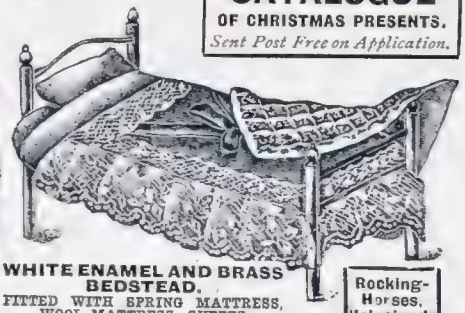

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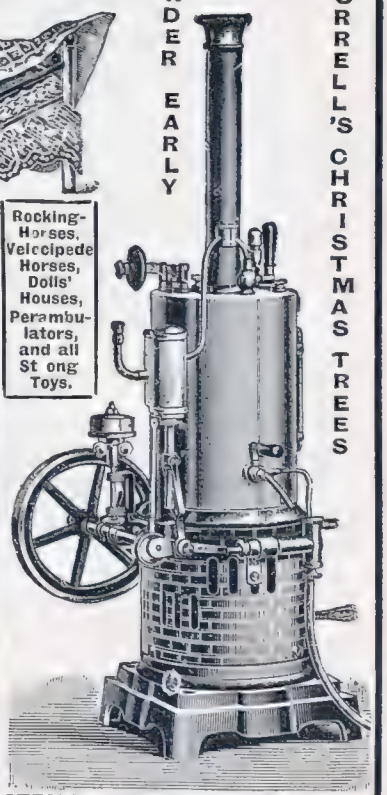

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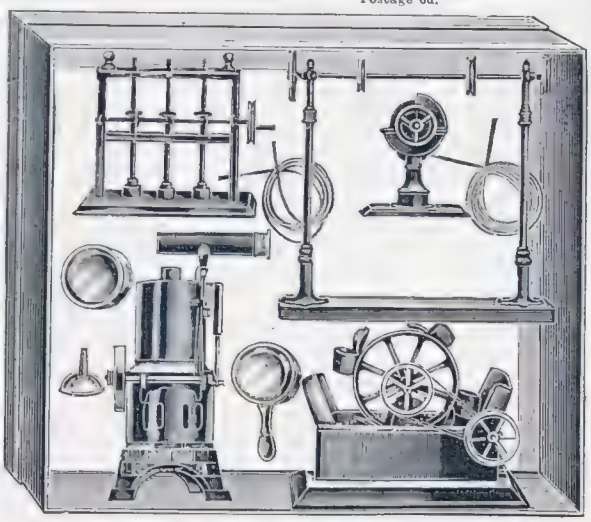

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Automobile Topics

By COMYNS BEAUMONT

The Season's Compliments

To every reader of THE BYSTANDER I tender sincere wishes for a pleasant and profitable holiday season, and a continuance of peace and prosperity throughout the coming year. May we all enjoy immunity from breakdown during our tour through the months of 1909, and may successful non-stop runs be recorded of each and all of us!

Very pleasant is it at this time of year to linger over the walnuts and the wine, or lounge lazily in slippered ease before the fire, and, while the wind whistles without, recall the doings of the days that are gone. To the motorist, as to all classes of his Majesty's subjects, the twelve months of 1908 have proved full of interest and instruction. On the whole, the march of progress has made a distinct advance, and if there be those who have fallen by the way, the main body of the automobile army has pushed steadily forward despite the checks and hindrances occasioned by an unscrupulous pandering to idle clamour on the part of a certain section of the Press, and the unsympathetic attitude of an effete and moribund Government. I had my little say a week or two ago in these columns concerning the milk-and-water attitude of some of the chiefs of the motor industry towards our detractors, and at this season of general good-will and geniality I am free to express a hope that the policy pursued in 1909 will be one of well-considered, dignified, and statesmanlike solicitude for the common weal.

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Retrospective

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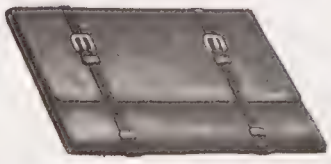

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A Welcome Innovation

Our own R.A.C. "two thousand" was chiefly remarkable for the ingenuity of the system of marking, whereby "first past the post," after completing the speed test at Brooklands, denoted the respective winners in each class. This is a plan which should be again put into requisition, because by its simplicity it appeals directly to the intelligence of the uninstructed multitude, who are apt to become fogged by figures and formulæ.

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In Manxland—

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—And at Brooklands

Of Brooklands it is difficult to write in terms of anything but sympathetic solicitude. One hopes that the coming year will witness a fillip in its fortunes, and that the many-headed may be induced to patronise the sport provided. After all, however, there is comfort in the reflection that as a training and testing ground, where finals and records and other dangerous competitions—*pace* Mr. Edge—may be accomplished without let or hindrance or impertinent interference, the Brooklands Track stands alone. May its future be bright and sparkling as the wine in which we pledge one another, and reiterate the old but ever-welcome sentiments of the season.

COMYNS BEAUMONT.

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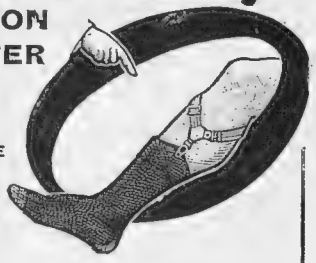

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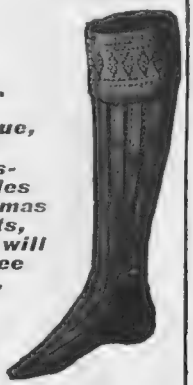

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He: "'Ere."
She: "Fork or fingers?"
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BY PHILIP BAYNES

CHRISTMAS SHOPPING

By Mrs. JACK MAY

The same old harassing Christmas story that comes round with unerring certainty is with us again. Well! it is of no sort of use to fuss and get flurried; the old tradition of good-will towards men must be upheld, and, by way of adding my small quota towards the clearing away of the inevitable perplexity, the following shops have been personally interviewed for inspiration.

Meanwhile, that my usual sphere of action may not absolutely be deserted, please observe the dainty débutante's dance dress we have pictured. It is carried out in white tulle, the hem of the skirt visibly stitched with floss silk, after the manner of a wedding veil, and the fulness at the top shaped to the figure by means of close, fine tucks. The corsage is the merest incident of white silk and silver embroidery, worked in a raised design, and concluding in a deep tucker, and short draped sleeves of tulle. In the hair there is worn a *filet* of silver ribbon, silver shoes completing as delectable an *ensemble* as any girl could desire.

A Dainty Dance Dress for a Débutante
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A word, before I pass to the main object of this article, regarding skin specialists. There are a great many essaying this rôle in life, but those in the know are well aware that only the very few are really trained experts. The rest are—well! perhaps the less said about them the better. It will, however, doubtless have been observed that in these columns I have for some time now been vouching for the splendid efficacy of the Cyclax Skin Remedies. These have stood that test of all tests, experience.

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This establishment always appeals to me as an abiding place of opportunity and resource, though concentrated on the supply of sticks, umbrellas, and whips. Tortoiseshell is the craze of the hour, so observe the centre example of the three umbrella handles depicted. This, a ball of clouded tortoiseshell, is mounted on an 18-carat gold collar, and enriched by a diamond scroll, set with rubies.

A considerable share of fastidious choice continues to fall upon New Zealand jade as a decorative detail for umbrella handles. And apropos of green, perhaps the really great novelty this year is the green-dyed hog-skin umbrella handle, encircled with a jade ring with gilt setting and mounted with green silk. Few will question the exceeding fascination of this *ensemble*, both in umbrella and *en tout cas* form, the dyeing and polishing processes being executed with such consummate skill as to procure what may faithfully be described as an absolutely fresh effect. The word has, furthermore, gone forth that umbrellas and *en tout cas* are both to be still larger next year, all the fresh models at 23, St. James's Street tending in this direction, while many of the silks used for covering show a woven braid border.

Beautiful beyond compare is the enamel executed by Brigg, more and more attention being accorded this art every year, under the auspices of trained experts. Of the two oval-shaped tops included in the group, the one is of a delicate grass-green enamel, enclosed within a collar of white and Royal blue enamel, the former treated as to effect the appearance of small pearls, a scheme of contrast that is repeated at the top in the semblance of a ribbon rosette. For the other a rich violet enamel is selected, the

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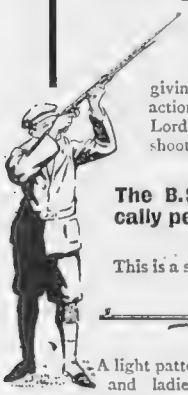

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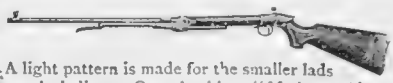

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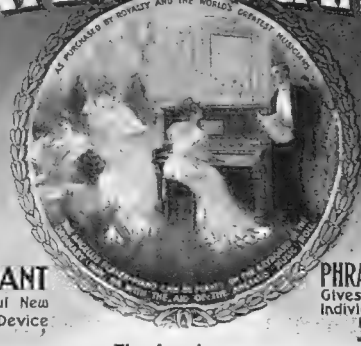

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An exceptionally interesting piece is the walking-stick illustrated, of light-coloured rhinoceros horn, with a large crook handle, merely relieved by a plain gold collar. There are probably not more than half a dozen of such specimens in existence. Admirable taste again is displayed in the walking-stick of Coromandel wood, surmounted by a top of clouded tortoiseshell, and encircled by a trellis collar of gold, through the interstices of which one gets glints of the shell.

At the same time, it may be apropos to bring forward the reminder that Messrs. Brigg, while revelling in the production of these exquisite extravagances, are yet amply supplied with fancies at reasonable rates, suitable for Christmas gifts, the above-mentioned green umbrella with dyed hog-skin handle to whit.

John Barker, Kensington

Evidencing the usual prodigality of choice is the collection of charming novelties brought together by Messrs. John Barker for the specialised cause of Christmas gifts. In the toy department little girls and boys have been considered alike, the former in an amazing supply of dolls, daintily dressed, with clothes to take off and on, perambulators, dolls' houses, etc., boys finding complete satisfaction in a wealth of up-to-date trains and their various accessories and a host of clever mechanical toys.

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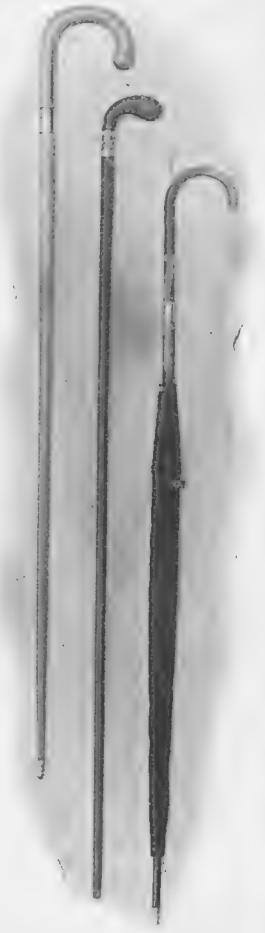

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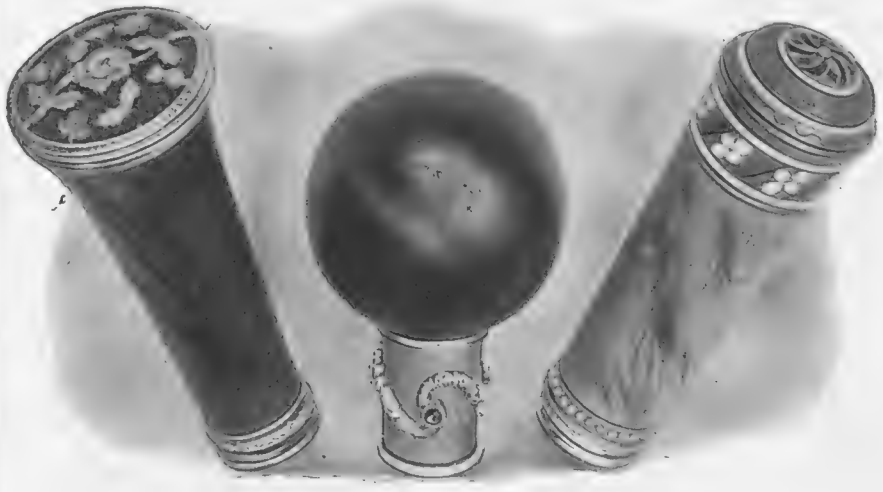
Always laying great stress on the attractions of silverware, Messrs. Shoolbred have in no sort fallen short of their usual interesting supply, silver-backed brushes, scent bottles, writing-table sets, a remarkably nice specimen of the latter comprising two candles, ink-bottle, and



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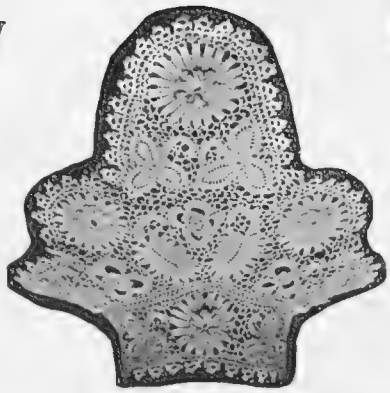

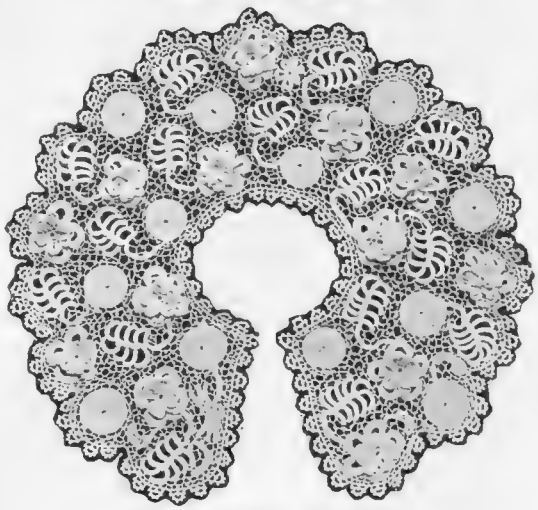

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From out a singularly seductive array of tortoiseshell goods there has been selected for pictorial expression one of those natty little expanding jewel cases, a delightful accessory to any woman's toilet table. For men, again, there is shown a cigar-ash receptacle in glass and silver, the latter fashioning the top, which divides automatically to let the ash fall into the bowl of water beneath. That hanging manicure set also suggests a mannish provision.

The jewellery department here is under the personal supervision of an expert, and one of the principals. It is, however, far too extensive to deal with even cursorily here, and, therefore, it merely remains for mention to be made of an illustrated catalogue exclusively devoted to the cause.

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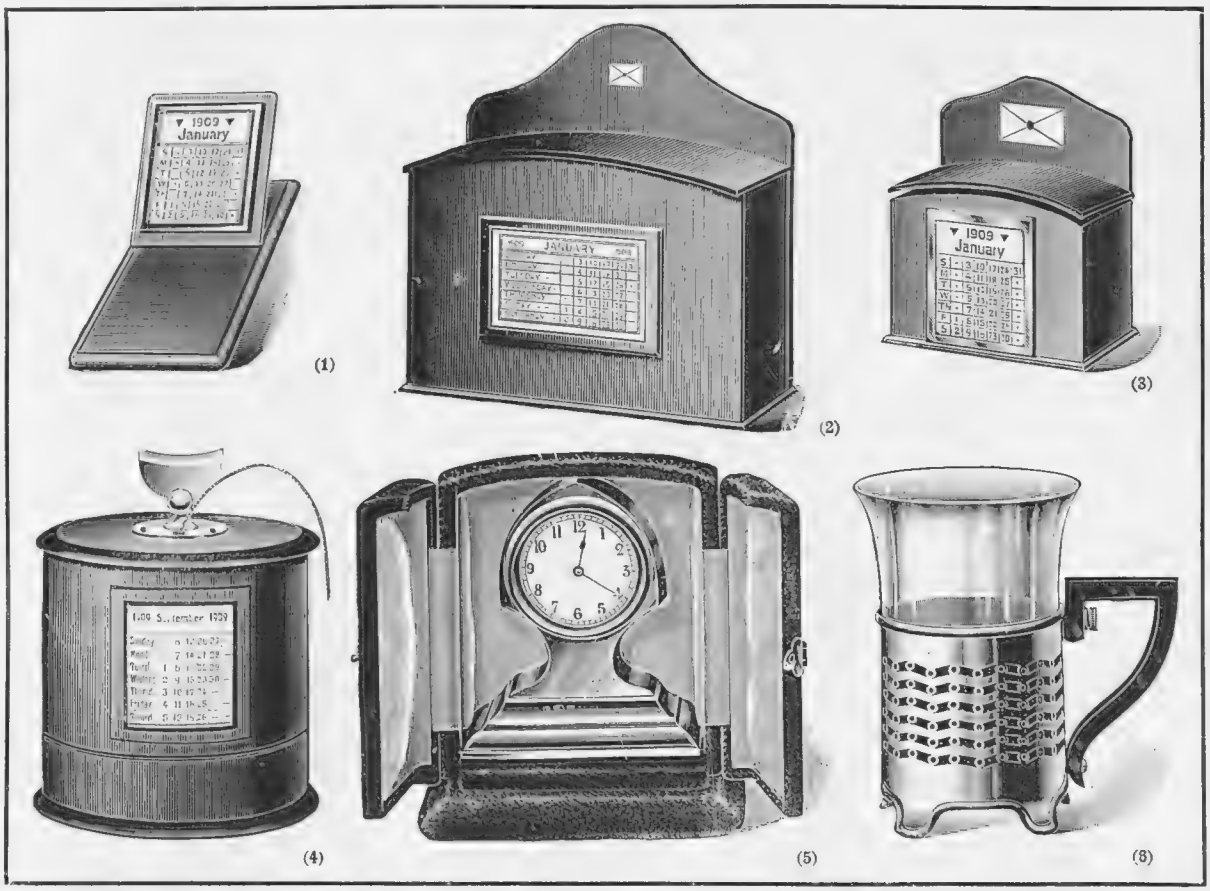
As Messrs. Heal point out on the cover of their beautifully illustrated catalogue specially devoted to the cause of Christmas presents, the goods supplied by them are



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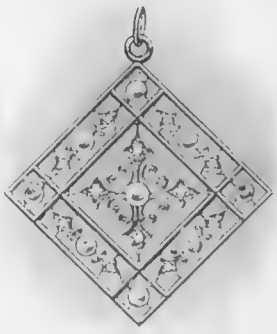

A Platinum Pendant, set with Diamonds and Pearls, £9 10s., seen at Mappin and Webb's

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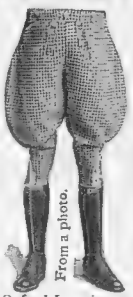

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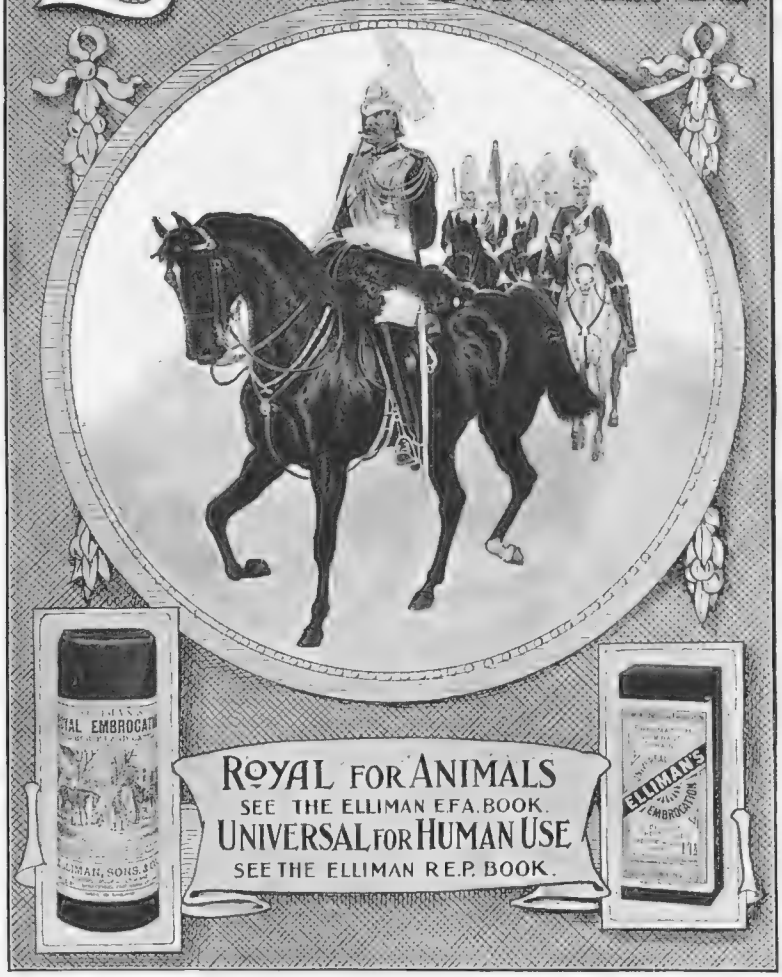

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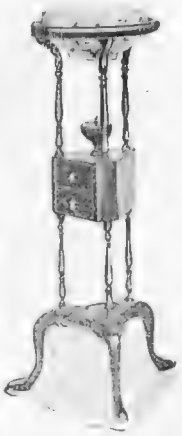
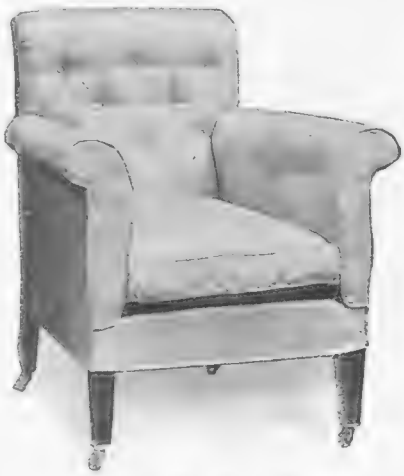


Reproduction of old Mahogany Powder Stand at £2 5s.

stand in the form of a *pot-pourri* holder, priced at £2 5s. This also will be found illustrated, together with a two-tier mahogany table, only 18s. Some reproductions of old buff-coloured jugs are distinctly original, the "Farmhouse" and "Sussex" coming out at 2s. 6d. the set of three jugs.

Sweet Violets

Readers of THE BYSTANDER are no strangers to the charms of the Misses Allen-Brown's violet toilet requisites, their soap, their scent, their toilet powders, and their sachets. It is good news, therefore, to learn, at this season, when one is so often in a quandary as to the form a present to a friend shall take, to hear that parcels of these productions are now obtainable. The half-guinea parcel contains a bottle of perfume, a box of soap containing three tablets, one bottle of foam, one box of toilet powder, and one sachet, while more comprehensive parcels, containing larger quantities, cost 21s. and 30s. All orders are, by the way, carriage paid from the Violet Nurseries, Henfield, Sussex.



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A Notable Record

How many firms are there in London, I wonder, who can boast of having carried on their business on the same spot for a century and a half? With the exception of Messrs. Longmans, the famous publishers, who have been at the Sign of the Ship and Swan, 39, Paternoster Row, since 1727, the only other firm I can call to mind is Messrs. Alfred B. Pearce and Co., who have carried on their china and glass shop at 39, Ludgate Hill since 1760. A visit paid there the other day was well rewarded, for the variety of choice, the superiority of design, and, at the same time, the moderate prices, were a revelation. There were some beautiful productions of Derby, Worcester, Coalport, and Wedgwood, and even the least expensive patterns were in excellent taste and of reliable quality. In the glass department particular notice should be drawn to the "Ludgate" Table Service, of superior crystal, Venetian wave with a daintily etched festoon border. This complete service for twelve persons, consisting of eighty-seven pieces, costs but £4 12s. 6d. But were I to begin to enumerate even the most attractive articles of Messrs. Pearce's stock, I should never be done. I can only advise a visit to 39, Ludgate Hill.

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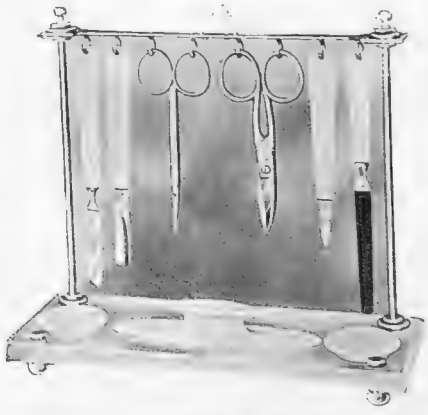

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satisfactory, but incidental mention may, perhaps, be made of a delightful platinum pendant, set with diamonds and pearls, at £9 10s., a gold purse at £5 10s., or in silver at £1 1s., and an up-to-date light refreshment case for motorists, with Thermos flask, etc., at £3 15s.

A Neat Little Jewellery Catalogue

Many of the catalogues that are now to hand are a veritable *embarras de richesses*, and it is quite soothing to pick up the neat little list of specialities of the Goldsmiths and Silversmiths Company, of 112, Regent Street, which, though, of course, it but skims over the firm's immense stock, gives an excellent and useful idea of its comprehensiveness. For instance, brooches range in price from £1 to £15,000, while there is a most choice selection of bracelets, necklaces, and earrings. I should strongly advise a glance through this brochure before paying a visit to 112, Regent Street, while for those who cannot get to Town, the larger catalogue will be found invaluable.

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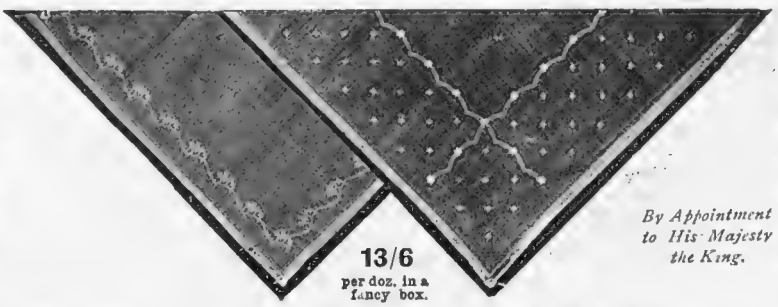

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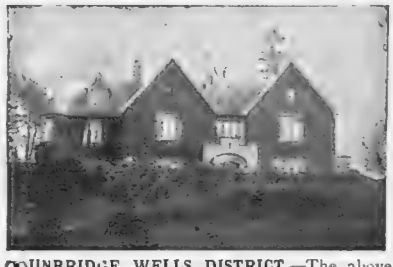

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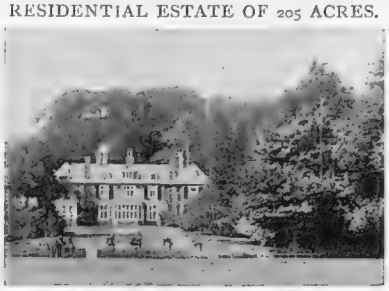

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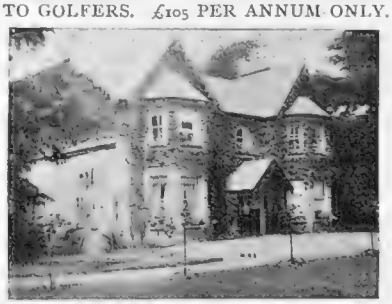

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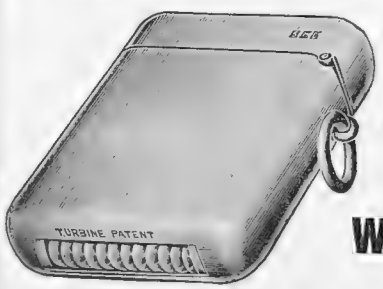

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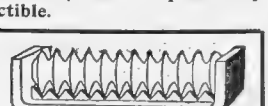
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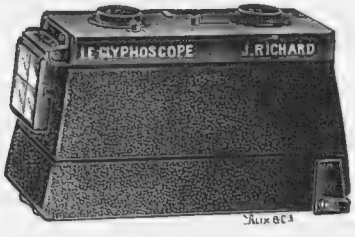

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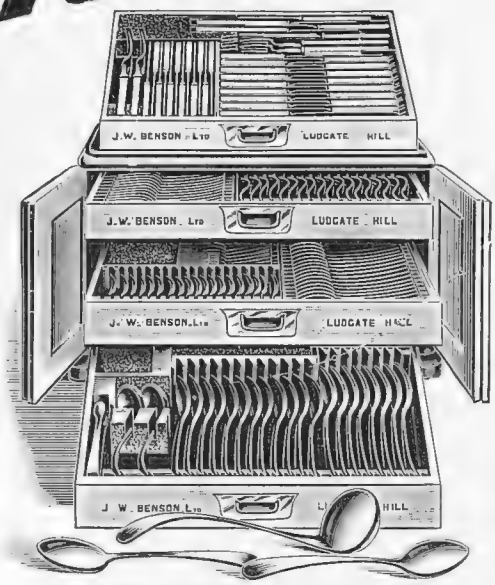

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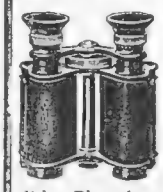

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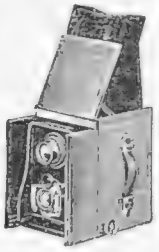

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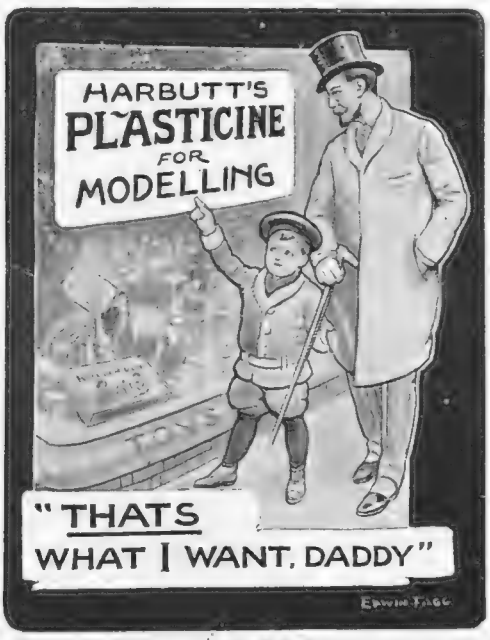

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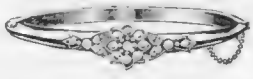

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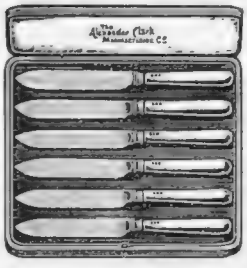

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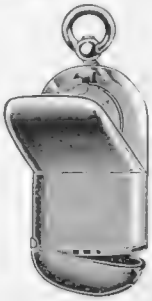

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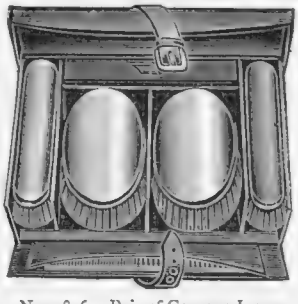

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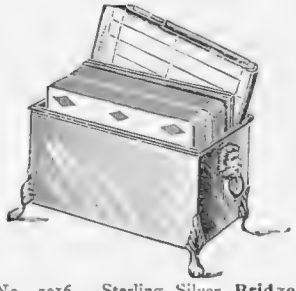

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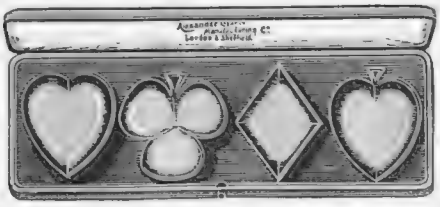

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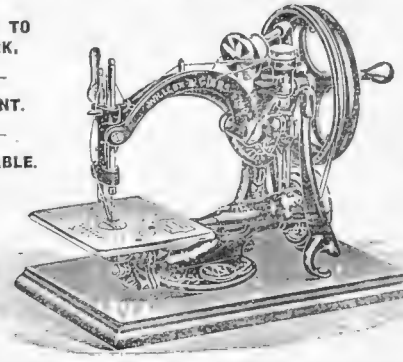

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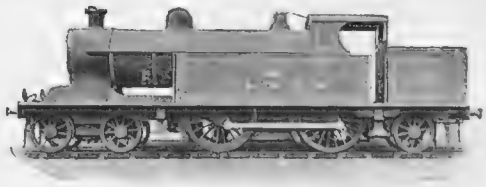

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Whatever may be the reason for that curious publishing confederacy between Mr. Frowde, of the Oxford Press, and Messrs. Hodder and Stoughton, there is no denying that between them they have, last year and this, produced some excellent juvenile literature at Christmastide. The list includes an excellent half-crown series with stories by Gordon Stables and W. H. G. Kingston, and a new edition of Mr. Desmond Coke's most successful novel, "The Bending of a Twig," re-written for boys (5*s*.). Foremost, however, come the books by Herbert Strang, on whom the mantle of the late G. A. Henty has fallen. "Herbert Strang's Annual" (3*s*. 6*d*. and 5*s*.), full of excellent yarns and articles, and magnificently illustrated, and "Barclay of the Guides" (5*s*.), a stirring tale of the Mutiny, which I found a difficulty in putting down after once beginning, are, undoubtedly, two of the best books of the season for boys. They are run close, however, by Alexander Macdonald's tale of the South Seas, "The Island Traders" (Blackie: 3*s*. 6*d*.). Mr. Macdonald is a man who has been "on the spot," and is not an adventure-writer like Jules Verne, who never stirred from his own fireside.

The Earlier Rackham

The Arthur Rackham drawings of to-day have a *finesse* and whimsicality

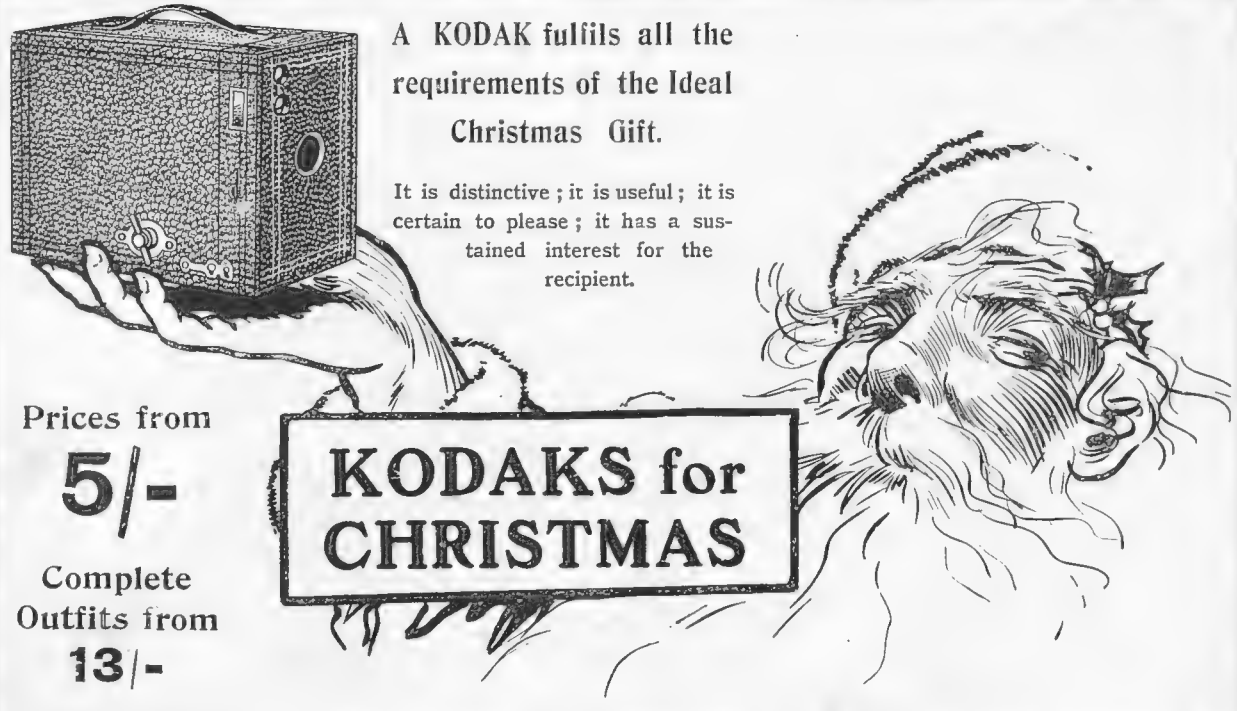
"He Twisted Himself into a Note of Interrogation"

An early illustration by Arthur Rackham reproduced in an amusing book of stories, "The Land of Enchantment" (Cassell: 5*s*. net)

about them which were latent in this artist's work of a decade ago, but still, those which illustrate "The Land of Enchantment" (Cassell: 5*s*. net) are exceedingly clever, and show the genius which has now developed and has met with its due recognition. I remember noticing these pictures when they first appeared in *Little Folks*, but had never associated them with Mr. Rackham, and in the light of his present popularity, their reappearance is most opportune.

The 1908 Lang Book

What is home without a mother?—and what is the nursery like without its shelf of Mr. Andrew Lang's Christmas books? No gaily coloured fairy-book does Mr. Lang give us for 1908, but a delightful volume entitled "Princes and Princesses." To be quite correct, it is really Mrs. Lang's book, as she is responsible for all the stories, but her husband contributes a delightful preface in his characteristic vein, which, if it may be missed by the youthful reader, should on no account whatever be ignored by the grown-up donor. The stories centre round the lives of little Royalties of every age and every country, and will prove no whit less popular than its "fairy-book" predecessors. Of course, the seventy odd illustrations one of which we



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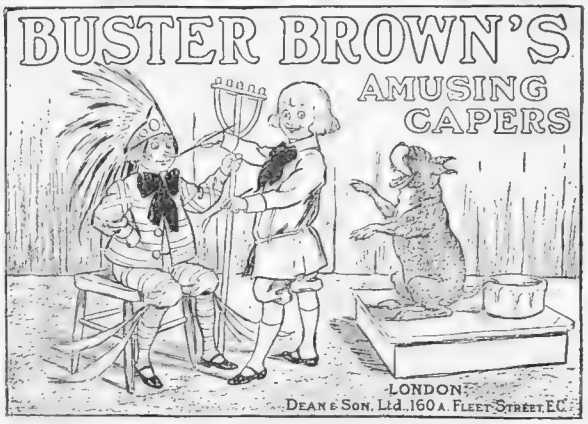

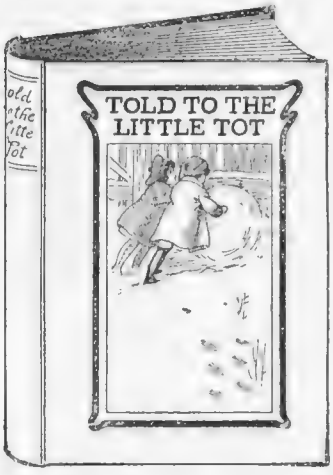

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The Gamarera Mayor gets her ears boxed!

One of the numerous illustrations by Henry Ford in "Princes and Princesses" (Longmans: 6s.), Mr. Lang's Christmas book for 1908

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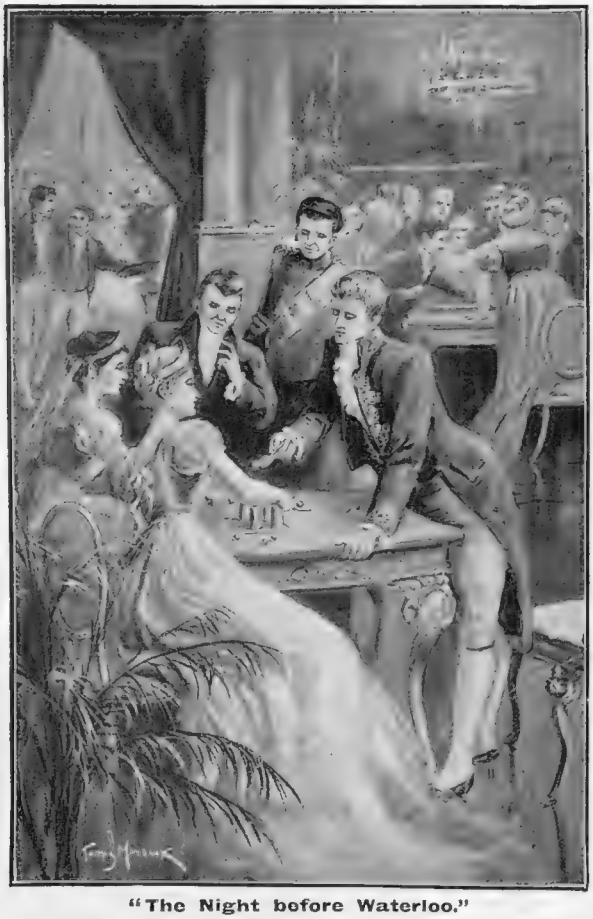
Mr. W. K. Haselden has a sense of humour which is a national institution. The "*Daily Mirror* Reflections, 1908" (1s. net) are quite as funny as those of last year. The artist thinks of the drollest things. One of these days, when he is *quite* celebrated, he will be induced by some contemporary to describe his mental processes. By the way, Mr. Haselden is a conservative humorist. His husbands are all middle-aged, as one likes to think of husbands, and they wear the loud check suits with which long experience has familiarised us. On one page in every three the necessary stout gentleman is clad in a suit resembling a draughts-board. But for these pleasing exaggerations of the non-existent, where would British humour be?



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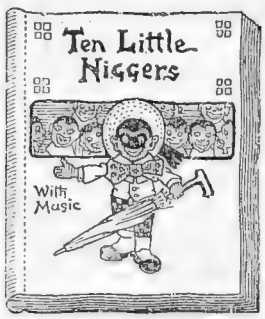

undoubtedly attains decadence, it is a very good thing to be reminded of the classic forms. Another series of reprints is that of Messrs. Newnes, of modern shilling novels. Of these I have received "Red Pottage," Mary Cholmondeley's famous work, and Mr. Joseph Hocking's "David Baring." It is a little difficult to realise that the former has reached the shilling state. But a very few years ago, it was the novel of its year—I had almost said of its decade.

A Boer on England

Mr. Douglas Blackburn has written some good novels of South African life. It is, therefore, a pity he has chosen to risk his reputation with such a book as "I Came and Saw" (Alston Rivers: 6*s.*). This purports to give the experiences of a Boer in England, engaged in company promotion. Vulgarisms abound, and one cannot with ease be interested in the experiences of so unrepresentative a type as "Sarel Erasmus." I think the author might have borrowed a better specimen of Boer into the mouth of whom to put impressions of English life and manners.

Books for the Pocket

Among the small books of pocket size to be recommended are the two latest of Messrs. Jack's "World's Story-Teller" series, the tales of Hawthorne and of Prosper Merimée. I know of no series of modern reprints which more usefully fills a want than these. In a day when the short story

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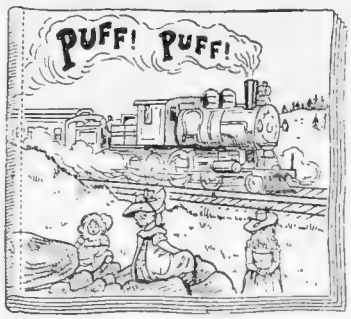

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—her stories are always delightful. The Mouldiwarp in her 1908 Christmas book, "The House of Arden" (Unwin: 6*s.*), will be as popular in the nursery and schoolroom as the Phœnix of "The Phœnix and the Carpet," a new edition of which also appears (same price and publisher), and the other quaint beings of her former books. A Christmas conundrum: Would E. Nesbit's books be as popular without H. R. Millar's illustrations? The answer will be given by any recipient of one of her books.

Two "gilded pills" have come into my hands in the shape of "England's Story," told by E. Baumer Williams (Grant Richards: 3*s.* 6*d.* net), and "Holly House and Ridge's Row," by May Baldwin (Chambers: 6*s.*). Despite Norman Ault's spirited illustrations in the former, I am afraid the youngsters will see "lessons" beneath this history of England told in conversational style, but if it fails as a gift-book, it is a volume which should commend itself

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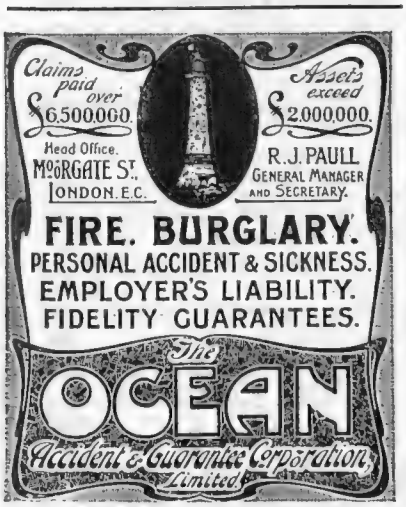

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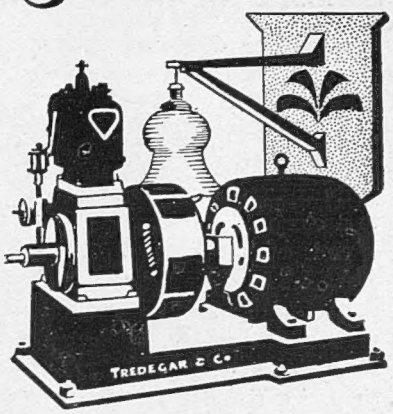

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Ante-Xmas Joys

When I sit down to write for a Christmas Number, I always feel inclined to abuse Christmas Numbers, only, of course, I know that I must not be guilty of such a heresy. But why do they, like all other good things, come before Christmas? This season of the year is one long chain of petty excitements working up to a climax. It begins with Christmas Numbers and it ends with Christmas. We keep on expecting, we grown-up children, from now till December 25, joys all of a more or less thrilling character. Choosing foreign Christmas cards is the first of them, then comes the exuberant welcome from the Press (in which I am at the moment taking active part) to the spirit of Christmas. After that there is the manufacture of Christmas presents, and a little later the purchase of ready-made articles, and then the distracting joy of doing up bulgy parcels, and writing congratulatory letters, and despatching Christmas cards with the fervent hope that we have not forgotten half our acquaintances. Yet a day or two afterwards and bulgy parcels begin to pour in at our own doors, and cards flood the house, and (one of the brightest spots) people we had lost sight of remember their old friendships in the geniality of the season. But all this is *before* Christmas.

An Antidote for Depression

Owing to the anxiety of our friends to greet us in good time, and a humane desire not to press too hardly upon the Post Office officials, every card and present may have arrived before the dawning of Christmas morning. Santa Claus is the only person who knows exactly the right moment in which to dispense his favours, and he is always taken up with a one-sided partiality for the juveniles. But, at any rate after the post, and after the Christmas dinner, which in itself is a triumph for producing depression, what *is* there to do, what occupation *can* be found for sane, grown-up people? Christmas, the climax of the petty pleasures, is a frightful reaction. Is there anything which grown-up people can do as an antidote to the depressing sensation which creeps over all towards the afternoon on Christmas Day?

How Can Christmas be Enjoyed?

I have tried being merely silly as a tribute to the general childishness around; but silliness which induces real exuberance of spirits may not be produced to order on a given date, but just when you feel it. I have tried being philanthropic, and calling in the desolate from the highways and hedges. This was a signal failure, since charity begins at home, and the desolate were not merely boring to me, but boring to my relations. Besides, the desolate coming from all grades of society, they were particular who they might be asked to meet; and two, having known better days, took it into their heads to be offended. My ingenuity can find no way out. Can any person (who must be grown up and sane) tell me how to enjoy Christmas?

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*Filets de Soles au Vin Blanc

Fillet the soles, spread a fireproof dish with butter, and sprinkle over with finely chopped shallots; place the fillets (skin side upwards) on it, season with pepper and salt, and moisten with white wine, cover with buttered paper, and bake in a slow oven for ten minutes. Take the skin off the fillets, mix the liquor from the fish with half a gill of cream, spread this over the fish, return the dish to the oven, and cook for another ten minutes. Serve at once.

*Cotelettes de Ris de Veau

Soak the sweetbreads in salt and water to cleanse them. Plunge them into boiling stock, and let them boil rapidly till done. Place them on a drainer, and leave them to get cold. Trim off all superfluous fat and gristle, and mince them with some slices of cooked ham. For ten cutlets use the grated rind of one lemon, the white of one egg and the yolks of two well-beaten, a little pepper and salt to taste, and a couple of small onions chopped fine; well mix and form into cutlets; egg and breadcrumb them some hours before they are wanted. Dish with dressed spinach in the centre.

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*Little Lobster Salads

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*Claret Jelly

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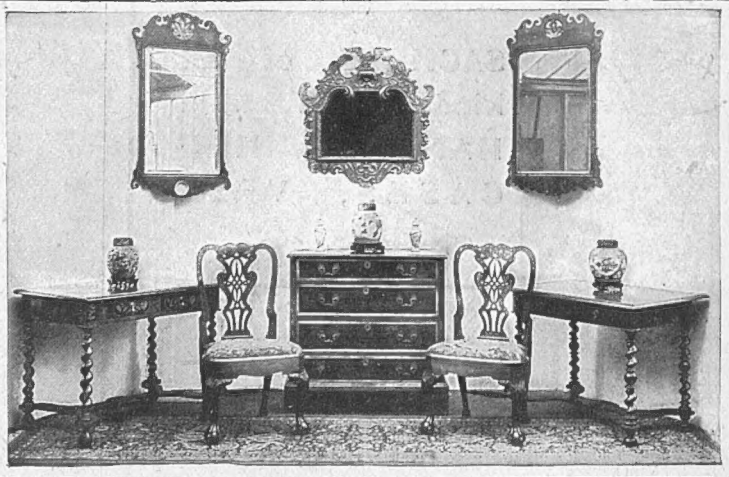
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